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A SETTLEMENT?

CANTON GOVERNMENT IN NO HURRY.

TO-DAY'S NEWS.

Though the Canton Government is ostensibly making some endeavour to comply with the terms laid down by the Commissioner of Customs at Canton as essential before he will lift the embargo on the issue of permits for the loading and discharge of cargo in the port, news to hand this morning from Canton would indicate that they are in no particular hurry about it.

A strong letter of protest against the action of Colonel Hayley Bell has been forwarded to the Northern Government, while the Kuomintang is reported to have issued an instruction to strike pickets that they are not to interfere with cargo of any description until the duty has been assessed by the Customs House.

At the same time they have asked the Strike Committee to keep a strict watch on developments, and it is stated that the Superintendent of Customs, who is Chinese with nominal supervision but without power to exercise any authority as regards the administration of the Customs, has been instructed to take a firm attitude in his efforts to arrange for a "satisfactory settlement of the issues."

Food prices have soared since Monday, but at present the Cantonese are not unduly excited, and in the city the opinion is generally expressed that the Government is fully capable of coping with the situation.

A Canton correspondent writes that the order to close the port was due to the establishment of a Committee of Cargo Examination by the pickets. The opinion is held that the order had nothing to do with the strike and boycott, and will be rescinded if the committee of examination is abolished. Rice merchants have asked that rice cargoes being duty free should be allowed to pass through.

Owing to the suspension of the river steamer service, the Post Office notifies us, the parcel post service is indefinitely suspended. Letters superscribed "By Train" will be forwarded by the 9.15 a.m. train daily, and the mail will be closed at 7.15 a.m.

SOVIET AND CHINA.

FAVOURABLE OPPORTUNITY LOST.

London, Feb. 24. The *Daily Telegraph* sees signs that Russia has lost the favourable position she gained in China as the price of her risky gamble with the youthful nationalism of China, while the Powers have improved their position and gone some way towards re-establishing good faith.

The journal attributes this change partly to the gradual emergence of moderate opinion, which was stifled during the clamour of civil disturbance. It says it is now specially desirable that this moderate movement should be helped, since China's need of Western co-operation was never more acute than it is to-day.

The journal urges the Powers to spare no efforts, though it says patience is of prime importance.—*Reuter*.

Monte Video, Feb. 24. Major Franco has arrived here from Buenos Aires.—*Reuter's American Service*.

PAKHOI BOYCOTT MORE SERIOUS.

BRITISHERS SEARCHED IN STREET.

PROPERTY CONFISCATION.

Yesterday we reported the tightening up of the anti-British boycott at Pakhoi, following the arrival of new pickets from Canton, and further information to hand to-day shows that the situation there is becoming increasingly serious.

Letters to hand from the port show that the anti-foreign and anti-Christian movements are spreading, there being evidence on all hands that the extremists are becoming increasingly bold. Even the ordinary five-coloured flag of China is not permitted to be displayed, the authorities ordering that the revolutionary flag must be flown.

Increasing obstacles are being placed in the way of shipping, and it is stated that Japanese steamers will not in future call at the port until matters have improved. There is also a strong possibility of the boycott being put into effect on more stringent lines at Pakhoi.

In Pakhoi itself, Britishers are being especially singled out for untoward treatment, and cases have been reported in which they have been stopped in the streets and searched. There are also instances reported in which the authorities are planning to confiscate British property.

There is a ban in operation against the landing of British passengers at the port, and this also extends to foreigners of other nationalities, and even Chinese, who have come from Hongkong direct. The authorities are also compelling all foreigners to register themselves.

The general situation is far worse now that it has been for months past, and the influence of the Canton Government is felt in all directions.

UNABATED NUISANCE.

CHINESE FINED \$100.

Insisting that he had complied with two summonses from the Sanitary Department requiring him to repair a broken and defective water pipe at the rear of 15, Battery Street, and to remove the accumulation of refuse in the yard, the owner of the premises was charged at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning, and, on being convicted by Mr. E. W. Hamilton, was fined \$60 on each summons.

Although Sanitary Inspector Thomas in evidence on Wednesday stated that he had visited the premises, and found that the sanitary notices had not been complied with, the defendant denied the Inspector's statement; and, after the case was adjourned, the Magistrate, together with both parties, visited the house in question.

His Worship said he was satisfied that nothing had been done to abate the nuisance and fined defendant \$100.

FATAL AIR STUNT.

THE EIFFEL TOWER TRAGEDY.

Paris, Feb. 24. Witnesses of Leon Callot's fatal crash at Eiffel Tower state that the pilot had made a contract with a foreign cinematograph firm to fly twice under Eiffel Tower, while a parachutist was to plunge from the second platform on the Tower after the aeroplane's second passage. A search is now being made for the cinematographer and parachutist who disappeared after the accident.—*Reuter*.

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A PLEA FOR RAILLESS CARS.

KOWLOON TENDER.

Referring to the intention of the Hongkong Tramways, Limited, to tender for the exclusive motor bus service in Kowloon, Mr. G. M. Bernard, at this morning's meeting of the Company, indicated that it was felt that railless trolley vehicles would be preferable.

The chair at the meeting was occupied by Mr. D. G. M. Bernard, and there were also present:—The Hon. Sir Paul Chater, the Rev. Father L. Robert, Mr. A. H. Compton, Mr. Lo Cheung-shiu (directors), Mr. L. C. F. Bellamy (general manager), Mr. W. F. Simmons (secretary), Messrs. R. Branch, J. D. Kinnauld, Ting Kin-kwong, Lo Man-hing, Lai Koon, Ho Leung, G. W. Sewell, Frank Austin, W. E. Van Eps, G. H. Wilson, H. Ruttonjee, A. Denison, O. F. Riberio, J. E. Joseph, A. A. Alves, O. Kitcheil, and See Kon-chi (shareholders).

CHAIRMAN'S SPEECH.

The Secretary having read the notice convening the meeting.

The Chairman said:—Gentlemen,—The report of the directors, with statement of accounts for the year 1925, have been in your hands for some days and, with your permission, I will follow the usual procedure and take them as read. It is now 21 years since the first electric tramcar was put into operation in Hongkong and I think the present is an opportune time to refer briefly to tramways in general. Those who care for statistics may be interested to hear that our normal mileage has reached the equivalent of one tram going round the world every four days.

A certain section of the press at home has persistently attacked tramways (especially Municipal Tramways) and in some towns the cry "scrap the trams" has been raised. In many small towns where only a limited service is required tramways are undoubtedly being superseded by either railless cars (trolley vehicles) or motor buses. The latter are ideal for suburban and country districts where the service does not warrant high capital expenditure. This is particularly the case in America where petrol is cheap. Regarding large towns, however, or rapidly growing localities which call for a 3, 4, or 5 minutes service, electric tramways are supreme and I will quote two authorities in support of this assertion.

The first is Mr. Fearnley, the General Manager of the Sheffield Corporation Tramway & Motor Department. This undertaking possesses (in addition to 400 trams) one of the largest Municipal motor bus undertakings in Great Britain. Speaking at a Transport Conference at Brighton on September 10th last Mr. Fearnley said:—"Tramways are still the premier form of street transport for the large industrial areas. No one is yet able to demonstrate anything to the contrary, and one's own daily experience proves beyond question the correctness of this assertion." The second is Sir George Hume, M.P., a leading member of the London County Council. Speaking in the House of Commons on June 25th last he said:—"I venture to say that no man in his senses, who has had anything to do with municipal politics in London, would dare to go to London with the cry of "scrap the trams." We hear that cry from those who are articulate, but not from the great mass of Londoners, the workers, who know what service the trams give to them, and I for one, although I

DEMAND ON SEAMEN'S UNION.

BANDITS CANYON RIVER PRESERVE.

ASK FOR \$1,500.

The policy adopted by bandit organisations formed at various points along the Canton River, who, as we reported a few days ago, have been declaring large dividends by the simple expedient of assisting in the smuggling of boycotted goods into the province, and acting as safe escorts, at a price, to ensure that the goods reach their proper destination, has apparently not satisfied.

Either the bandits have tired of their peaceful pursuits or the novelty has worn off, for it is now reported that the increasing affluence of tallymen and stevedores in Canton has attracted their attention, and demands for money have been sent to that section of the Seamen's Union.

The demand was for \$1,500, and the stevedores adopted the rather curious procedure of paying the

LEAGUE CRISIS.

"DRAMATIC INCIDENTS" EXPECTED.

BRITISH SPEECHES.

London, Feb. 24.

Asked in the House of Commons if an extension of the membership of the Council of the League beyond Germany's was discussed at Locarno, Sir Austen Chamberlain replied in the negative. He said that the Powers represented at Locarno who were members of the Council had already expressed their willingness to support the election of Germany to a permanent seat but there was no question raised as regards the claims of other powers. "I never heard it suggested then or earlier that the agreement to support Germany implied an agreement to oppose every other change."—*Reuter*.

GOVERNMENT NOT YET DECIDED.

London, Feb. 23.

In the House of Commons, Mr. Arthur Ponsonby (Labour) asked whether Sir Austen Chamberlain was able to inform the House of the attitude he had been instructed to adopt at the forthcoming meeting of the Council of the League of Nations on the subject of the further increase of the permanent membership of the Council beyond the admission of Germany.

Sir Austen Chamberlain replied that the Government had not yet decided on its course of action. He denied that an extraordinary session of the Council of the League had been called to deal exclusively with the question of the admission of Germany.

CONSTERNATION IN GERMANY.

Berlin, Feb. 24.

Nothing short of consternation describes the Berlin press reception of Sir Austen Chamberlain's speech, from which they deduce the certainty that Britain will support the French argument at Geneva, and emphatically assert that if Dr. Luther and Dr. Stressemann are confronted with a *fait accompli* in the form of an extended Council, Germany should unhesitatingly withdraw its application for admission to the League.

RECENT INDIAN TROUBLE.

A MAHARAJAH'S REQUEST.

Bombay, Feb. 24.

According to the *Evening News*, the Maharajah of Indore has made representations to the Viceroy suggesting that he should spend two years in England, during which the administration of the State should be handed over to a Council of Regency approved by the Indian Government.

The Maharajah is alleged to be prepared to compensate for loss or damage caused to Britishers by natives of Indore and to hand over the military and police departments with a view to their reformation and administration by European officers approved by the Indian Government.—*Reuter*.

[It will be recalled that in February last the Viceroy of India decided to appoint a Committee to investigate the Maharajah's alleged connection with the attempted abduction of the dancer Mumtaz Begum and the murder of the merchant Bawla, in Bombay last year.]

RATE RELIEF.

PLAIN SPEAKING IN THE LORDS.

London, Feb. 24.

In the House of Lords a motion by Lord Parrot on that the occasion of the admission of Germany to the League Council. It was undesirable to raise the question of the general reconstitution of the Council or further increase its members, furnished an occasion for plain speaking on the League issue.

Lord Parrot reiterated the danger of creating the impression

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UNIFYING THE TWO KWANGS.

CANTON IN SUPREME CONTROL.

COMMITTEE SYSTEM.

London, Feb. 24.

Following yesterday's report that Kwangsi has joined the Kuomintang regime, and that the administration of the political, military and financial affairs of the province are to be vested in a Committee appointed for that purpose, it is further reported that the compact signed by the Kwangsi members of the Kuomintang stipulates that the independence of Kwangsi is forthwith cancelled, and that all the high officials of the civil and military services shall receive their appointment direct from the Canton Government, or, in case of officials elected by the people, the approval and confirmation of the Canton Government must be obtained before the appointments become effective.

As to the provincial government of Kwangsi, it is to undergo reorganization on the committee system, such as is in operation in Kwangtung. A period of six months is allowed for the reorganization of the Council of the League of Nations on the subject of the further increase of the permanent membership of the Council beyond the admission of Germany.

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With regard to the military forces of Kwangsi, these are at once to be named the National Revolutionary Army, the strength of which is to be two Army Corps for the present, to be known as the 8th and 9th Army Corps. Generals Li Chung-yan and Wong Shui-hing are to retain their titles of Tuan and Vice-Tuan until the committee system is firmly established.

Miss Fincher testified in an affidavit to an engagement being in existence between her and Mr. Young, which lasted until he died, and also to Mr. Young having told her that it was his intention to leave all his possessions to her. In a letter on his Lordship's file, which was not read, Mr. Sheldon referred to Miss Fincher which contained the words "All I have been storing up for you."

Mr. Sheldon referred to communications which had been made with Mr. Young's relatives, all of whom, with one exception, agreed with the application. The exception was a Mrs. Laurence Craft, of Lake Terrace, Washington, Seattle, and the other relatives stated that they had not heard from her for two years, as at that time she contemplated moving from Washington.

Miss Fincher had agreed to give part of the estate to Mr. Young's mother—whose name was given as Mrs. Marshall—as the outcome of a mutual agreement.

His Lordship commented on the fact that an agreement had been arrived at with the mother, and said that in view of the circumstances of the case he would make an order granting probate for the copy, until the original will was found.

GARAGE FIRES.

SMALL KOWLOON OUTBREAKS.

Two small outbreaks in garages demanded the attention of the Kowloon Fire Brigade last night.

The first was at Yau Ma Tei, where a quantity of rubbish caught fire in a garage at Cheung Lok Street. The outbreak was quickly discovered, and the Brigade were soon on the scene and had extinguished the blaze before any damage was done.

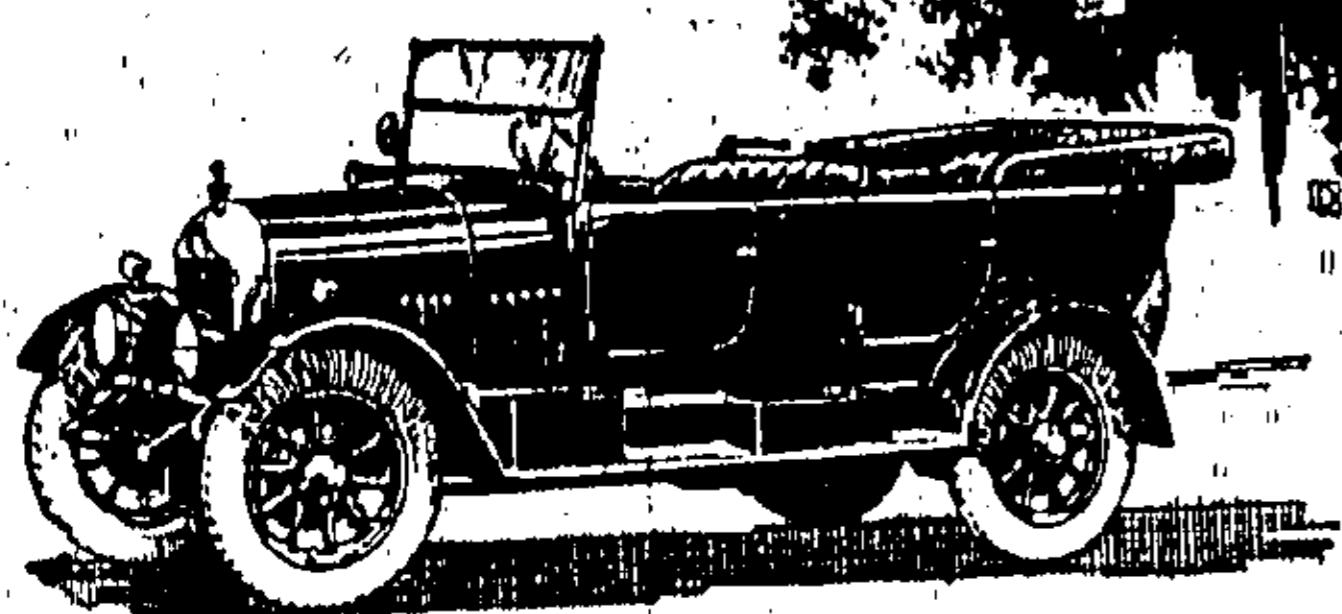
The second outbreak occurred about two hours later at the Kai Tak Motor Bus Garage at Kowloon City. By some means, unknown, the engine of a bus caught fire and the flames spread to the body of the vehicle, with the result that it was partially destroyed. There were no other buses affected, and the Brigade arrived in time to prevent further damage.

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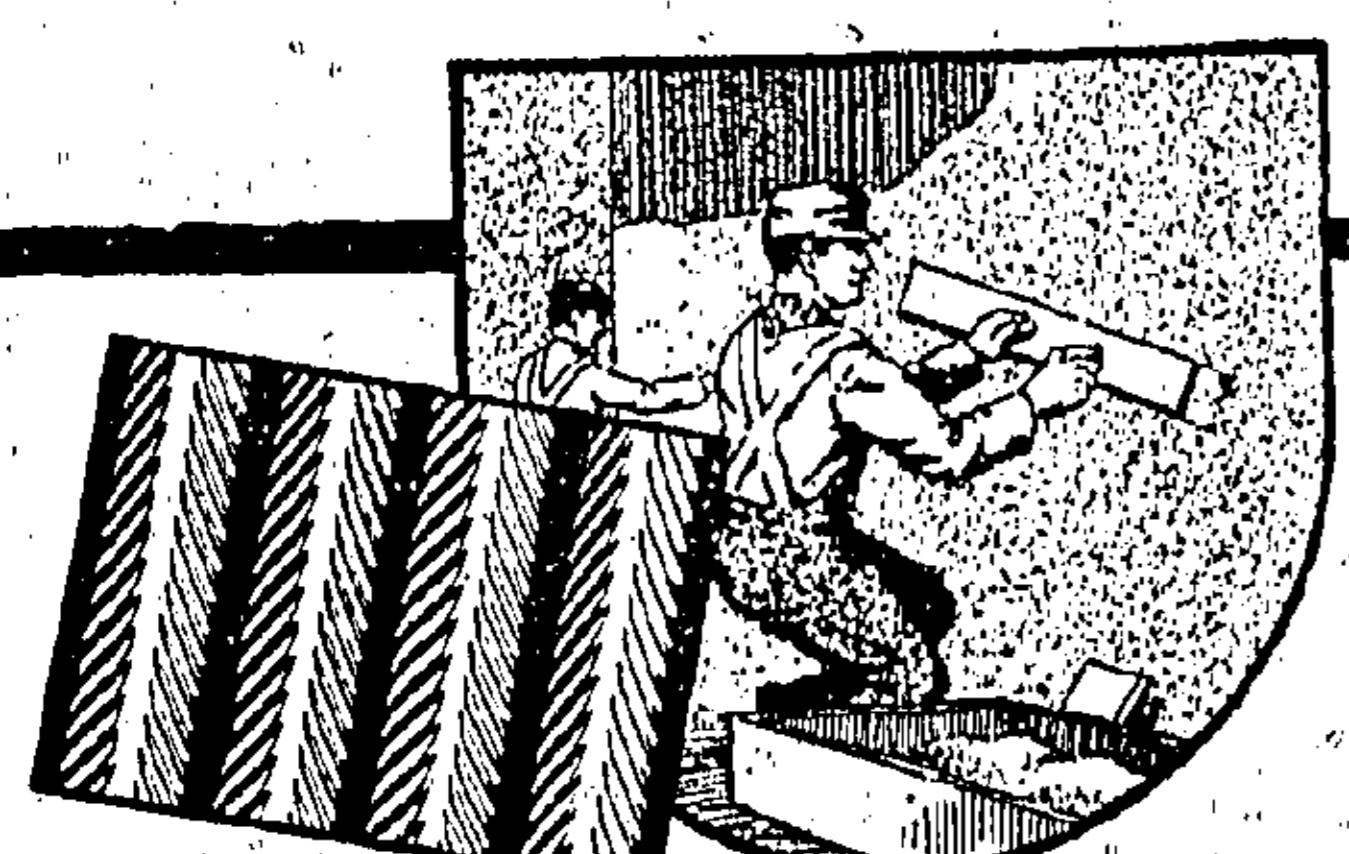
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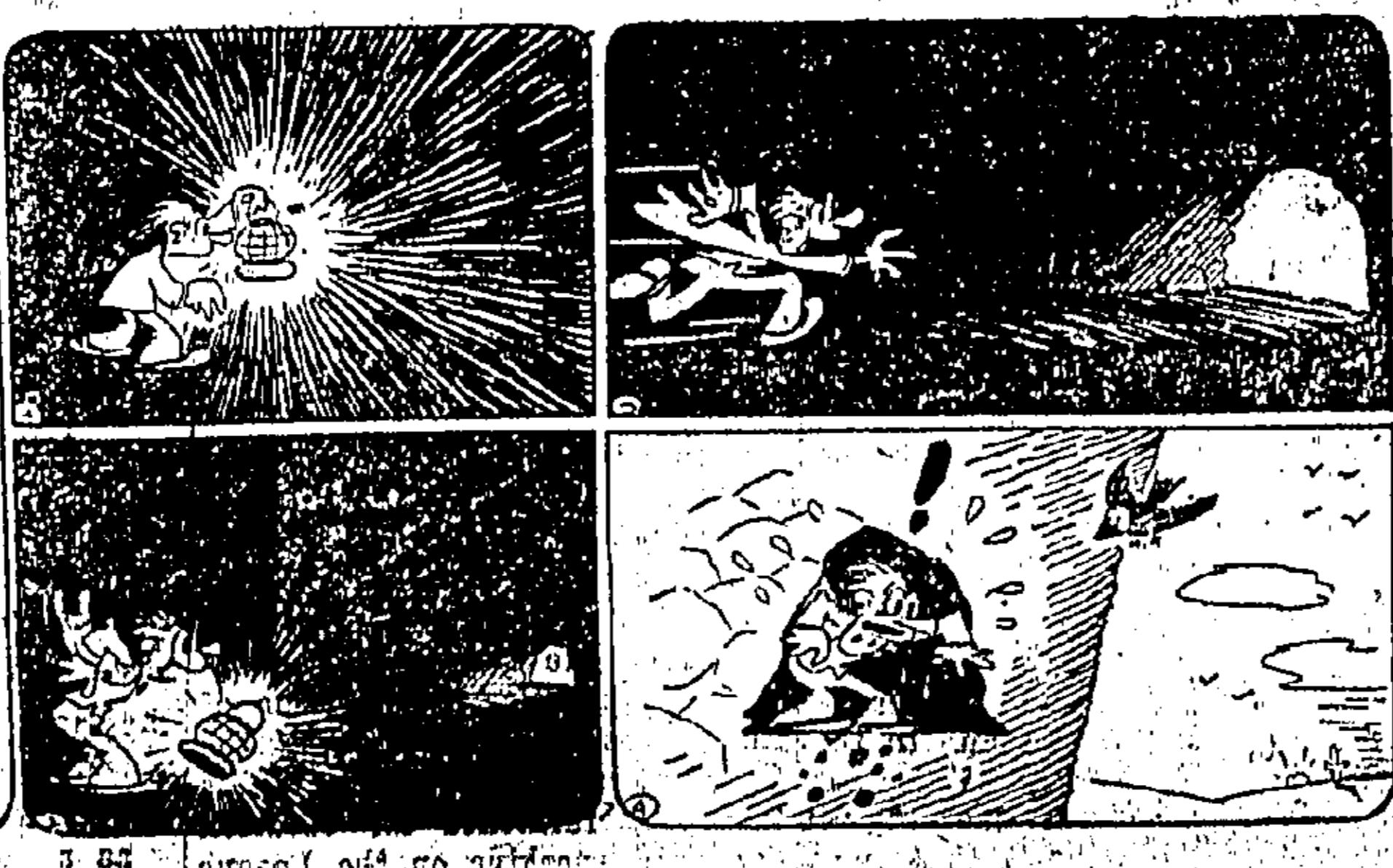
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THE LEAGUE.

FOREIGN SECRETARY'S SPEECH.

Paris, Feb. 24. "A great Englishman, a great European," is the *Caulois'* description of Sir Austen Chamberlain in reference to his speech at Birmingham. It adds that Sir Austen Chamberlain did not mention Poland by name, but indicated sufficiently clearly Poland's paradoxical position if they were excluded from a seat on the Council, in which Germany would have a permanent seat.

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Text of Foreign Secretary's Speech.

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He said the British Government had in his view quite rightly reserved their opinion as to the best solution to be evolved, but without considering individual claims of nations such as Poland, Spain, and Brazil. Sir Austen submitted that addition to the numbers of members of the Council was arguable and a defensible proposition, and was inevitable if the Council was to be equal to the tasks lying before it.

The Foreign Secretary continued: "We are going to meet at the usual quarterly meeting of the Council to consider whatever business is ripe for discussion and decision. But this meeting is of special consequence because Germany has made her application for membership of the League, and because, as we hope, it will not close without Germany having been not merely admitted to the League but elected, as it is right for great nations as Germany is, and must always be, to a permanent seat on the Council of the League. That part of our programme I regard as almost a foregone conclusion. To secure that end the Council must be unanimous, but I believe that every State represented on the Council has already expressed its views that Germany ought on entering the League to have a permanent seat upon the Council, and I have no reason to suppose that in the assembly, of which the assent of a majority is necessary for the same purpose, there will not be any difficulty in obtaining a majority or, indeed that there will be any minority.

The Future.

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that because Germany has entered some other nation must put up a counterbalancing claim—that because Germany was to be admitted some other nation must be brought in to balance Germany.

That is not historically true as a description of how the question arises. For quite a long time past we have looked forward to seeing Germany take her place, but even before that became practical politics the question of the composition of the Council was already in debate, and the question of what Powers should have attributed to them a permanent seat was already under discussion.

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OBITUARY.

PROFESSOR E. H. PARKER.

An Authority on Things Chinese. The death has occurred, at his residence in Liverpool, of Professor Edward Harper Parker, Professor of Chinese in Manchester University and Reader in Chinese in Liverpool University, at the age of 77.

The second son of Edward Parker, surgeon, of Kirkdale, Liverpool, he was born on January 3, 1849, and was sent to Dr. Brunner's preparatory school at Everton and to the Royal Institution at Liverpool. On leaving school, he made a start in business, in the cotton-broking, tea, and silk trades, but after about two years of this, he decided to enter the Consular Service. He

studied Chinese under Dr. J. Summers in George-ard, E.C., and having passed an examination, was appointed a student interpreter in China in 1869, and served in Peking, Tientsin, Taku, Hankow, Kiukiang, and Fu-chau. He obtained a scholarship at the Middle Temple, and studied there from 1875 to 1877. Afterwards he served at Pagoda Island and other places, and rose to be a first class assistant in 1880. He was called to the Bar in 1882, and was acting Vice-Consul at Chemulpo, Korea, and then Acting Consul-General in Korea in 1886 and 1887. Service at Pagoda Island again followed, and he was promoted to be Consul at Kiung-chow in April, 1891. From March, 1892, to June, 1893, he was employed in Burma as adviser to the Indian Government on Chinese affairs, and he retired on a pension in September, 1895. Professor Parker wrote a number of works on Chinese life and religion. His "Comparative Chinese Family Law" appeared in 1879, "The Opium War" in 1887, "China's Relations with Foreigners" in 1888, "Up the Yangtze" in 1892, "Burma" in 1893, and "A Thousand Years of the Tartars" in 1894 (enlarged edition, 1925). In 1896 he was appointed Reader in Chinese in University College, Liverpool, now Liverpool University, and in 1901, the year in which he published his "China," of which an enlarged edition appeared in 1917, he was appointed Professor of Chinese in Owens College, Manchester, now Manchester University. He published "John, Chinaman" also in 1901, "China, Past and Present" in 1903, "China and Religion" in 1905, "Ancient China Simplified" in 1908, and "Studies in Chinese Religion" in 1910.

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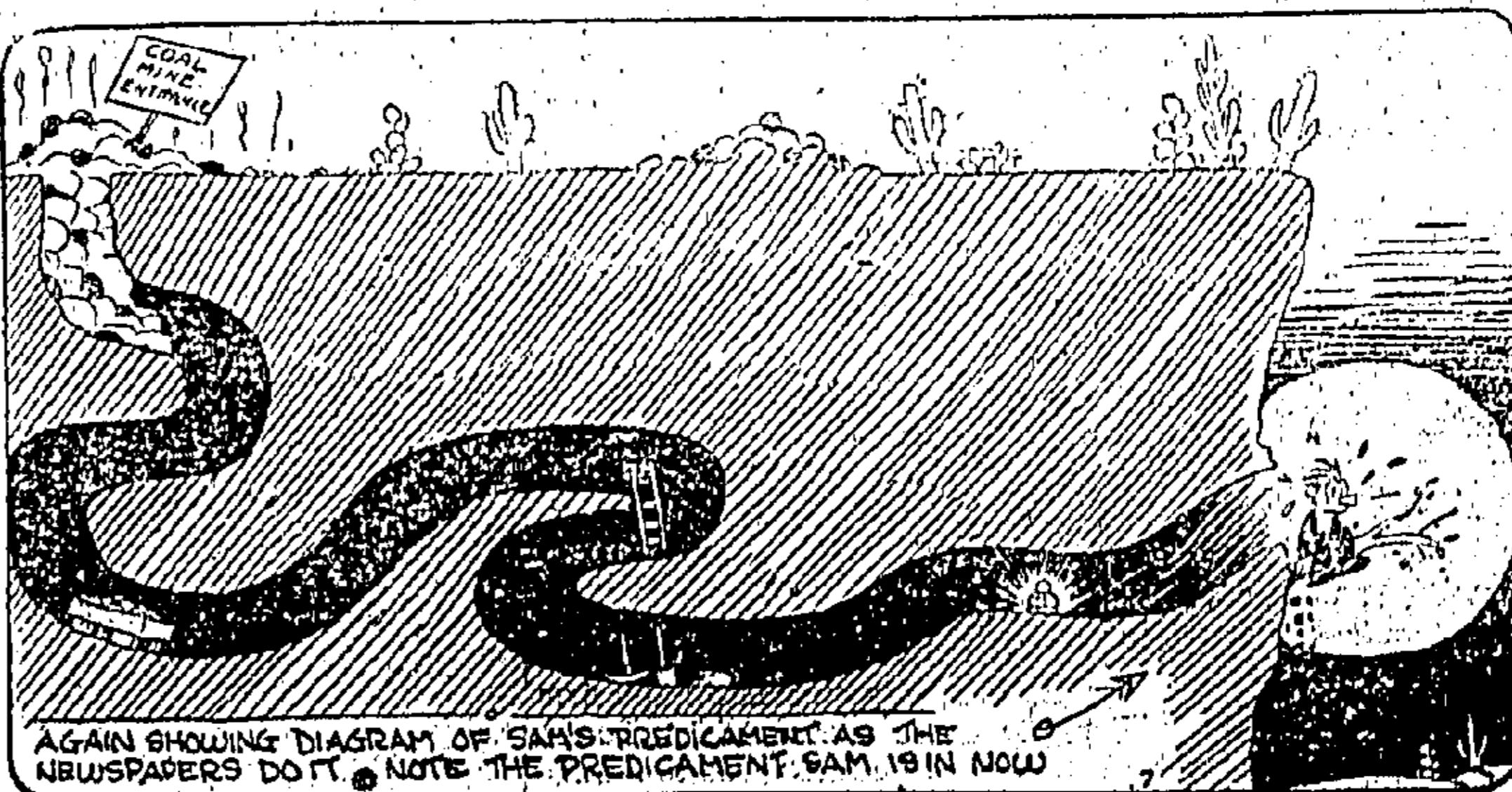
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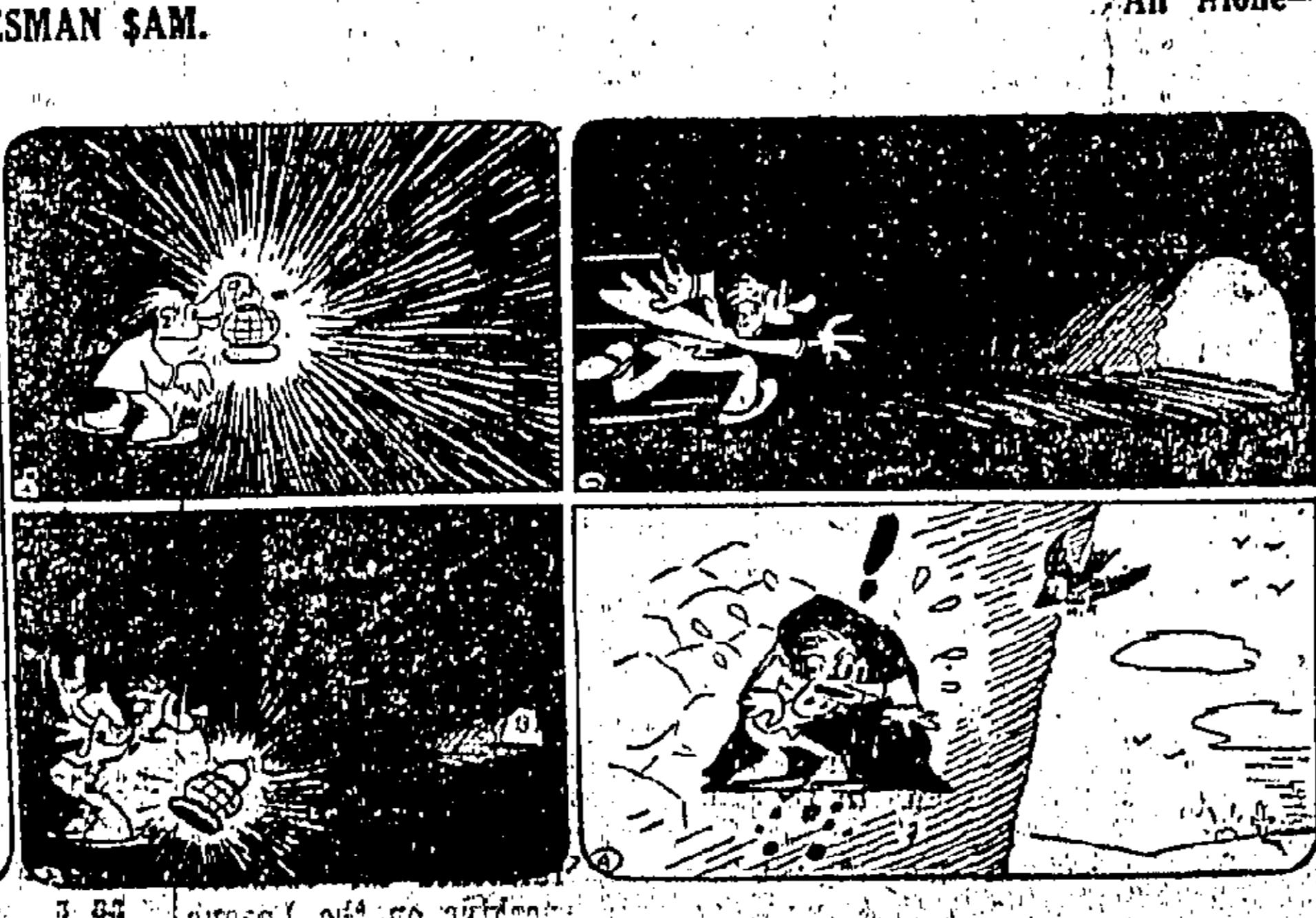
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Gale and Rocks Take Toll.



Four persons were drowned when a storm swept the Atlantic coast sending small craft on to rocks and to the bottom. The crew of the barge T. J. Hooper was rescued by American coast guards. She is shown piled on the rocks at Sandy Hook, N. Y.

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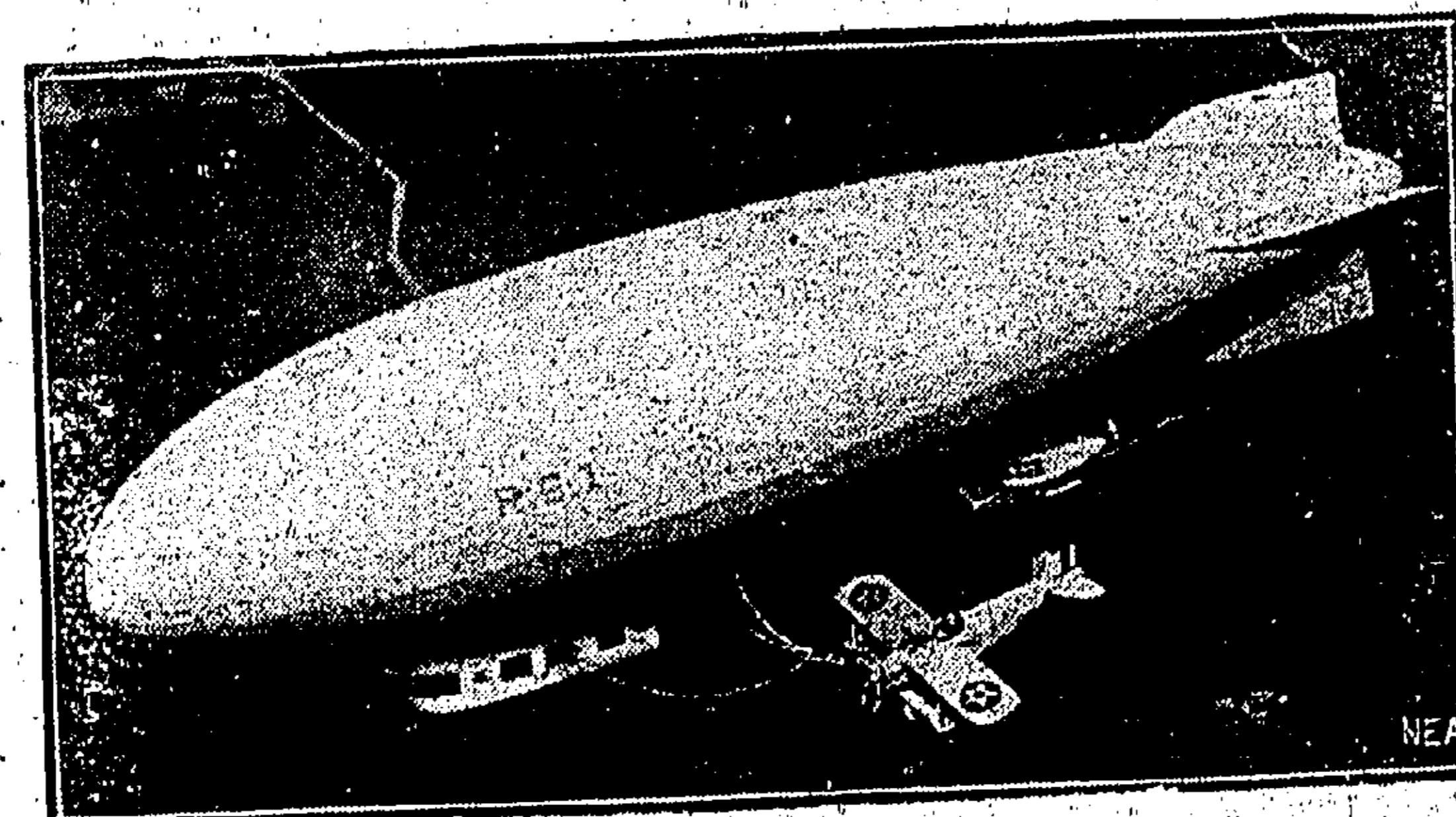
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THE HONGKONG ELECTRIC CO., LTD.

NOTICE is hereby given that the Thirty-Second Ordinary General Meeting will be held at the Company's Offices, P. & O. Building, on Friday, 12th March 1926, at 11 a.m. for the purpose of presenting the Report of the Directors together with Statement of Accounts to 31st December 1925, and electing Directors and Auditor.

The Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from 1st March to 12th March 1926, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,

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Members' Badges of Admission are now ready, and may be obtained by those Members who have not already received them, from Messrs. Linstead & Davis, Alexandra Bldgs. Members are reminded that these Badges will also admit them to all the Extra Race Meetings this year.

C. B. BROWN,
Secretary.

HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB.

RACE MEETING 1926.

March 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 6th.

Members have the privilege of introducing 2 non-members to the Members' Enclosure.

A limited number of tickets are available and may be obtained from Messrs. Linstead & Davis, Alexandra Buildings on or before SATURDAY, February 27th 1926. Price \$1.00 per day or \$30 for the Meeting.

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HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB.

ANNUAL RACE MEETING 1926.

Seventh Race—3rd Day
The United Services Cup.

Post Entries will be accepted for this Race.

By Order,
C. B. BROWN,
Secretary.

HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB.

RACE MEETING 1926.

March 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 6th.

Tickets of Admission to the Public Enclosure may be obtained from Messrs. Kelly and Walsh or at the Gate. Price \$3. per day.

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RACE MEETING 1926.

March 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 6th.

Passes for Servants will be issued on application to Messrs. Linstead & Davis, Alexandra Bldgs. No servants will be allowed inside the Enclosure of the Race Course during Race Days WITHOUT TICKETS.

These Tickets are only available for Servants while in attendance on their employer's or when on duty at the various stands.

Any persons found loitering about with Servants' Passes in their possession will forfeit them and holders will be removed from Enclosure.

C. B. BROWN
Secretary.

NOTICE.

Change of Address

The HONGKONG TELEPHONE COMPANY LIMITED hereby give Notice that on and after March 1st, 1926, their registered office will be at No. 17 Queen's Road Central. All business communications should be so addressed.

A. L. TERRY,
Secretary.

Dated February 22nd, 1926.

NOTICE.

CYMDETHAS DEWI SANT (HONGKONG).

St. David's Society (Hongkong).

Owing to circumstances over which the Committee have no control, it has been decided not to hold the Annual Dinner this year. Members are requested to meet at the Cenotaph as requested in the former notice, at 10.30 a.m.

For the Committee,

DAVID E. EVANS,
Hon. Secretary.

Hongkong, Feb. 24, 1926.

RACE HOLIDAYS.

The Exchange Banks will open for the transaction of Public Business at 9.30 a.m. on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, the 1st, 2nd and 3rd proximo, and close at 12 Noon.

Hongkong, 24th, Feb., 1926.

THE CHINA LIGHT & POWER CO., (1918), LTD.

With reference to the Notice to the Shareholders of this Company dated 29th December, 1925, whereby the Final Call of \$3.00 per share on the New Shares was made payable on 4th March, 1926, the General Managers and Consulting Committee have decided, in view of the conditions prevailing at present, to further extend the time for payment of this Call.

Notice is accordingly hereby given that the date for payment of the Final Call is postponed to 4th June, 1926, and that the Form of Bankers' Receipt already sent to Shareholders can be used as though the date named therein were the 4th June, 1926.

For THE CHINA LIGHT & POWER CO., (1918), LTD.
SHEWAN, TOMES & CO.,
General Managers.

Hongkong, 25th, Feb., 1926.

NOTICE.

QUEEN'S COLLEGE OLD BOYS' ASSOCIATION.

Sixth Annual Dinner.

The Sixth Annual Re-Union Dinner of the Association, accompanied by a Concert, will take place on Saturday the 13th of March, 1926, at 8 p.m., in the Hall of Queen's College. To encourage attendance, the General Committee have fixed a minimum charge of \$3 (wines inclusive), but Members are requested to make, if possible, an extra contribution to defray the expenses of the entertainment. The number of guests is limited to fifty and applications for their accommodation should be made to the undersigned. All subscriptions to be forwarded to the Hon. Treasurer, Lai Im To, Esq., at the Oriental Commercial Co., Bank of Canton Building.

By Order of the General Committee,

C. G. ANDERSON,
Hon. Secretary.

Hongkong, February 25, 1926.

UNION WATERBOAT CO., LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE TWENTY FIRST ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS WILL BE HELD IN THE OFFICE OF MESSRS. DODWELL & COMPANY, LIMITED, ON THURSDAY, THE 4TH MARCH, 1926, AT 11 A.M. FOR THE PURPOSE OF RECEIVING THE REPORT OF THE GENERAL MANAGERS TOGETHER WITH A STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS TO 31ST DECEMBER, 1925. THE TRANSFER BOOKS OF THE COMPANY WILL BE CLOSED FROM THE 25TH FEBRUARY TO 4TH MARCH, 1926 BOTH DATES INCLUSIVE.

DODWELL & CO., LTD.,
General Managers.

Hongkong, February 18, 1926.

HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

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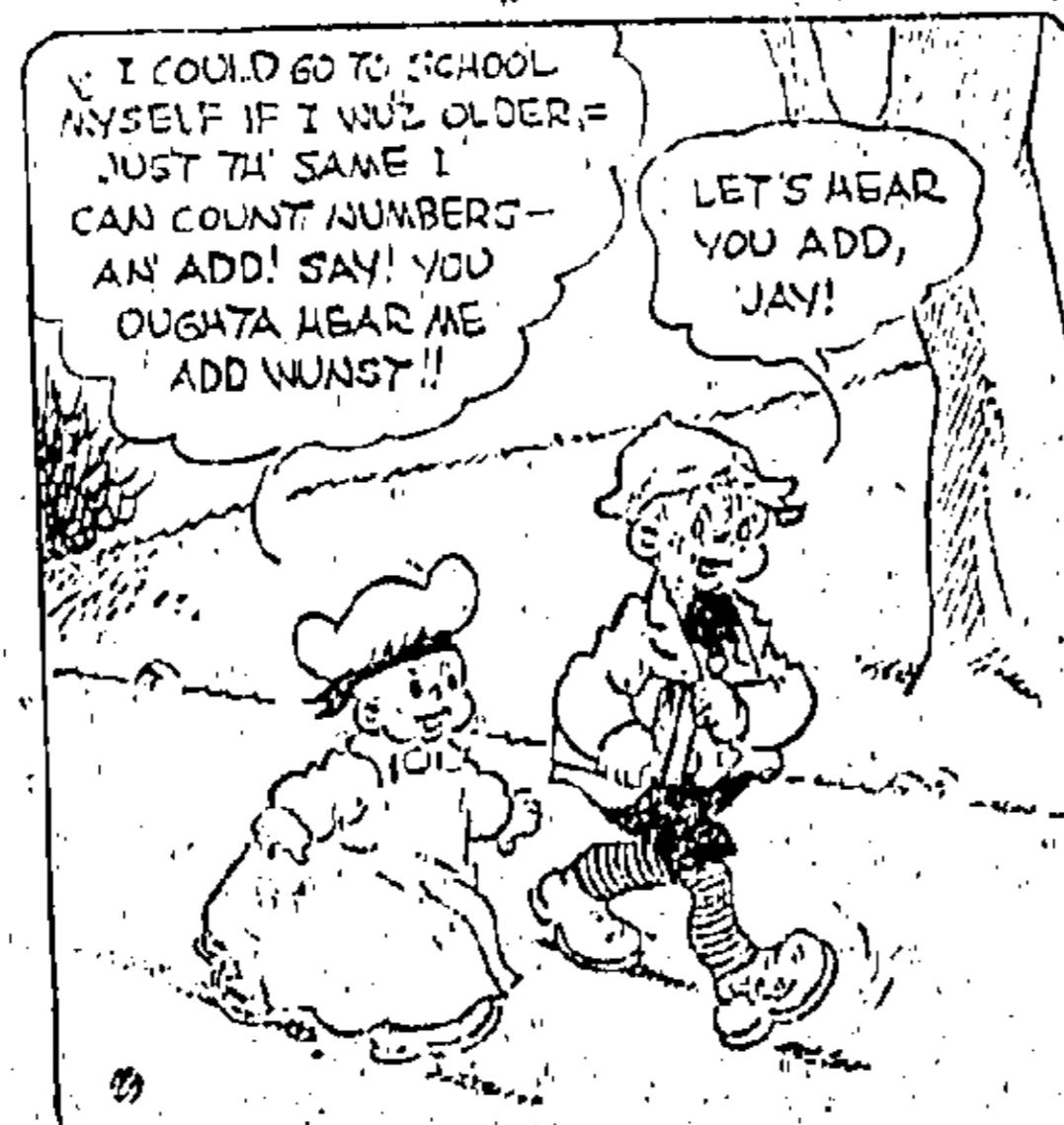


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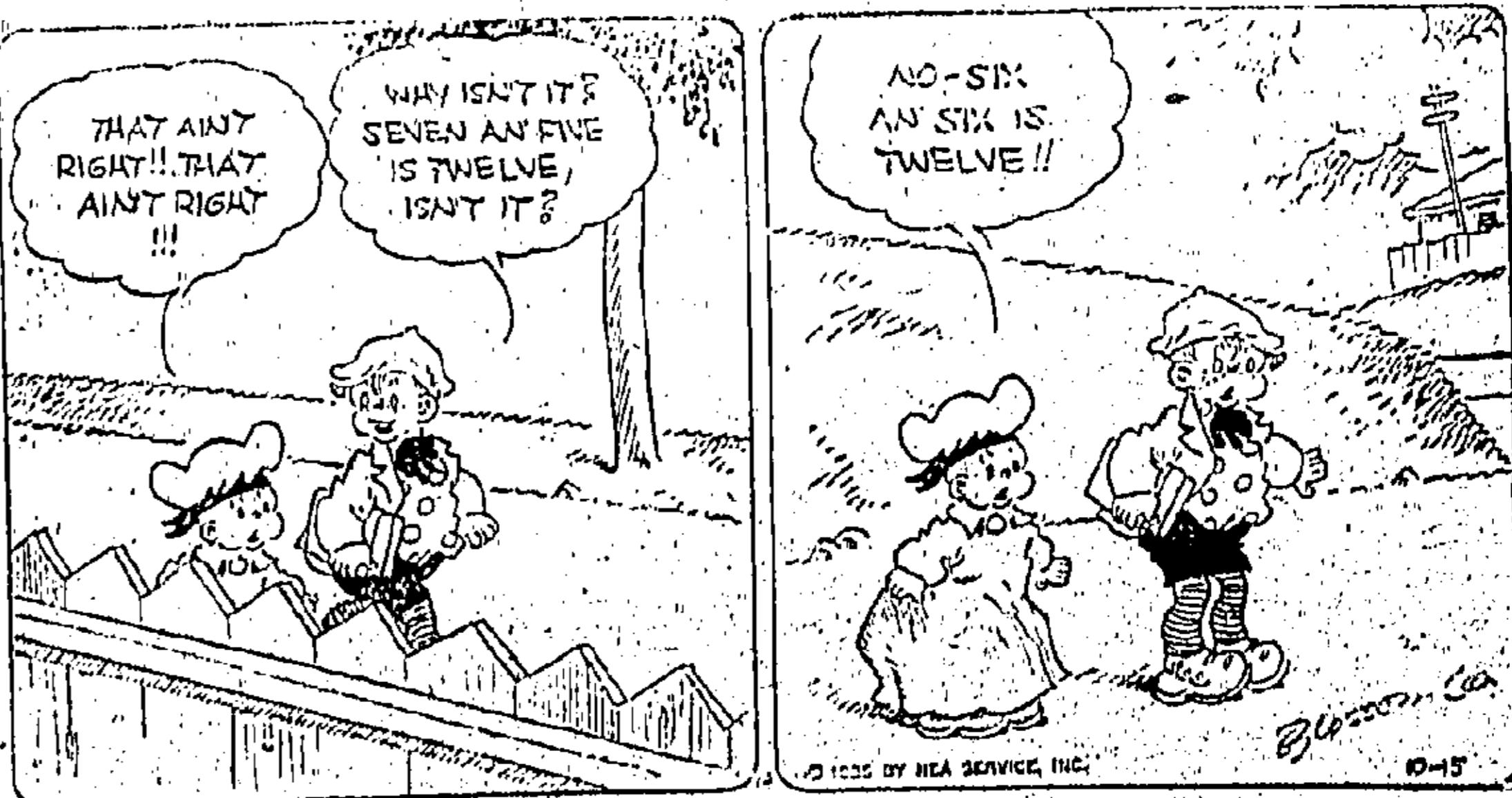
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DEATH THREAT.

ALLEGED INTIMIDATION OF WITNESSES.

Sensation follows sensation in the Wing On case, a striking development yesterday being the remark by prosecuting counsel that a letter had been received by some of the witnesses threatening them with death if they gave evidence in the case. On account of this he asked leave to call certain witnesses, who, in the ordinary course of events, would have been heard later in the case.

The startling development on Tuesday, was the non-appearance of the second defendant, Fok Cheung-yuen. His bail was estreated and a warrant for his arrest issued. The bail of the other two defendants was increased to \$100,000 each.

The case was again mentioned at the Magistracy yesterday morning 11 a.m. having been fixed at a previous hearing for resumption. On Tuesday the defendants were remanded until yesterday afternoon, and a misunderstanding arose on account of the two different times arranged:

Fruitless Search.

Prosecuting counsel and the solicitors instructing defending counsel were present in court, but the case was not proceeded with until the afternoon.

Mr. Lindsell remarked on his action following the non-appearance of the second defendant, and Mr. G. K. Hall Bruton said it was possible that a misunderstanding had arisen there too, and that defendant thought Wednesday, had been fixed for the case to be resumed. He understood Fok was still in the Colony.

Mr. Lindsell said that Inspector Fallon had told him that he had been looking for defendant for 24 hours and had visited his home several times without finding him.

Mr. Hall Bruton said the man had been in gaol during Chinese New Year and had been unable to attend to his affairs and probably thought he would keep away from his creditors.

Further Charges.

Fok, however, failed to appear in Court in the afternoon when the case was resumed. Mr. Lindsell remarked that it appeared that he had absconded.

Mr. Zeily: "So I gather. He is not here apparently."

Mr. F. C. Jenkin, prosecuting said that there were charges against the first man; three of uttering a forged document, one of endeavouring to cause to be paid to the Industrial and Commercial Bank a sum of \$50,000 and also one of perjury.

He asked leave to add five further charges against the second and third defendants of being accessories before the fact in these matters.

Mr. Lindsell said he did not think any further charges could be undertaken against the second defendant who was absent. Mr. Jenkins applied for permission to enter the charges and go on with them, so that they might be presented against the defendant if he did appear. He understood that he might turn up at any moment as he was only avoiding his creditors.

Mr. Hall Bruton said he could not vouch for that.

Threatening Letters.

Prosecuting counsel also applied for leave to call certain witnesses who, in the ordinary course of events, would have come later in the proceedings. This was on account of certain serious developments in the case.

Some of the witnesses had been threatened by letter with murder if they gave evidence in the case.

MEXICAN RIOT.

ANGRY WOMEN ATTACK GENDARMES.

A Church Matter.

Mexico City, Feb. 24.

Four citizens were wounded, and the District Chief of Police was probably fatally injured, in a riot at the Catholic Church of the Sacred Family, when gendarmes attempted to disperse worshippers, principally women, who believed the authorities were attempting to close the church, although actually the priests in charge ordered this.

The women attacked the gendarmes viciously, and freemen were called out to play a hose upon the demonstrators, but this was ineffective. The police then fired a volley in the air, thus ending the trouble, but the women later went in procession to the Ministry of the Interior, where freemen were again called upon to disperse them with a hose.

NEW VACCINE.

INFANT WELFARE ASSURED.

Prevention of Tuberculosis.

Paris, Feb. 24.

As regards the new vaccine B. C. G., which he invented in co-operation with other physicians in the Institut Pasteur in order to preserve from tuberculosis children born of tuberculous families, Dr. Calmette stated in the Academy of Medicine that out of 1,317 infants vaccinated in the second half of 1924, 7.2% had died of other than tuberculous maladies, and 0.7% of tuberculous ones; therefore it appears the vaccine safeguards at least 93% of the children who without it would have died before the first year.—Havas.

The letters were now in the hands of the police.

It was stated that Mr. Elsley Zeily now appeared to defend the first defendant, Mr. Hall Bruton representing the other defendant.

An apprentice fitter in the Naval Dockyard was called and said he was formerly employed by the third defendant as a servant at a printing shop in Canton. Defendant visited the shop occasionally, and had a cubicle there. When he was not there witness performed odd jobs in the shop.

Wing On Labels.

He thought the defendant was a partner in the business, but when he visited the shop he took no active part in the management of it.

Witness gave evidence of seeing various labels and chops in the shop bearing the name of the Wing On Co.

The afternoon of March 4 and 5 were arranged for further hearings of the charges, and March 8 and 9 were also provisionally fixed. Mr. Jenkins said it might be possible to complete the case in time for the March Criminal Sessions.

The case concerns an alleged attempt on the part of the defendants to defraud the Wing On Co. of \$50,000 and interest, by means of a forged deposit book.

AIR RACE TO THE POLE.

FOUR NATIONS TO PARTICIPATE.

Australia, Norway, America and Russia.

London, Feb. 24.

A great air race to the North Pole, in which there are five participants representing four nations, is due to begin shortly.

Australia is represented by the explorer Captain Wilkins, Norway by Amundson, who is at present in Rome superintending the equipment of the airship Norge; the United States by Osgood and Wade and Captain Byrd, who was second in command of Macmillan's expedition last year and whose attempt is promoted by John D. Rockefeller, Junior.

The latest competitor is Russia, whose flight is being planned by the Russian Air Transport Company of Siberia. Three special all metal aeroplanes of German design are at present under construction to be manned by Russian pilots. The route will lie via Spitzbergen, thence an attempt will be made to dash to the North Pole, where, according to the Daily Herald, one machine will be abandoned and its fuel transferred to the remaining machine for the return journey.—Reuter.

PROPERTY SALE.

KOWLOON MARINE LOT FETCHES HIGH FIGURE.

Includes Half a Pier.

There was brisk bidding and prices ruled high at Messrs. Lammer's auction rooms yesterday afternoon when a marine lot at Mongkoktsui, including half of Kowloon Permanent Pier No. 4, was put up and knocked down for \$361,000 to Mr. Leung Pat-u.

The property disposed of consisted of Sections A, B, and C, and the remaining portion of Kowloon Marine Lot No. 84 with the buildings thereon, and one equal undivided half share of erection and maintenance of Kowloon Permanent Pier No. 4.

The property first described contains a total area of 80,807 square feet, and is held under a Crown Lease of the term of 75 years renewable for a further term of 75 years.

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Opening at \$320,000 with bids of \$1,000 acceptable, the first raise was one of \$5,000 and then with only one bid of \$2,000, the price steadily climbed by \$1,000

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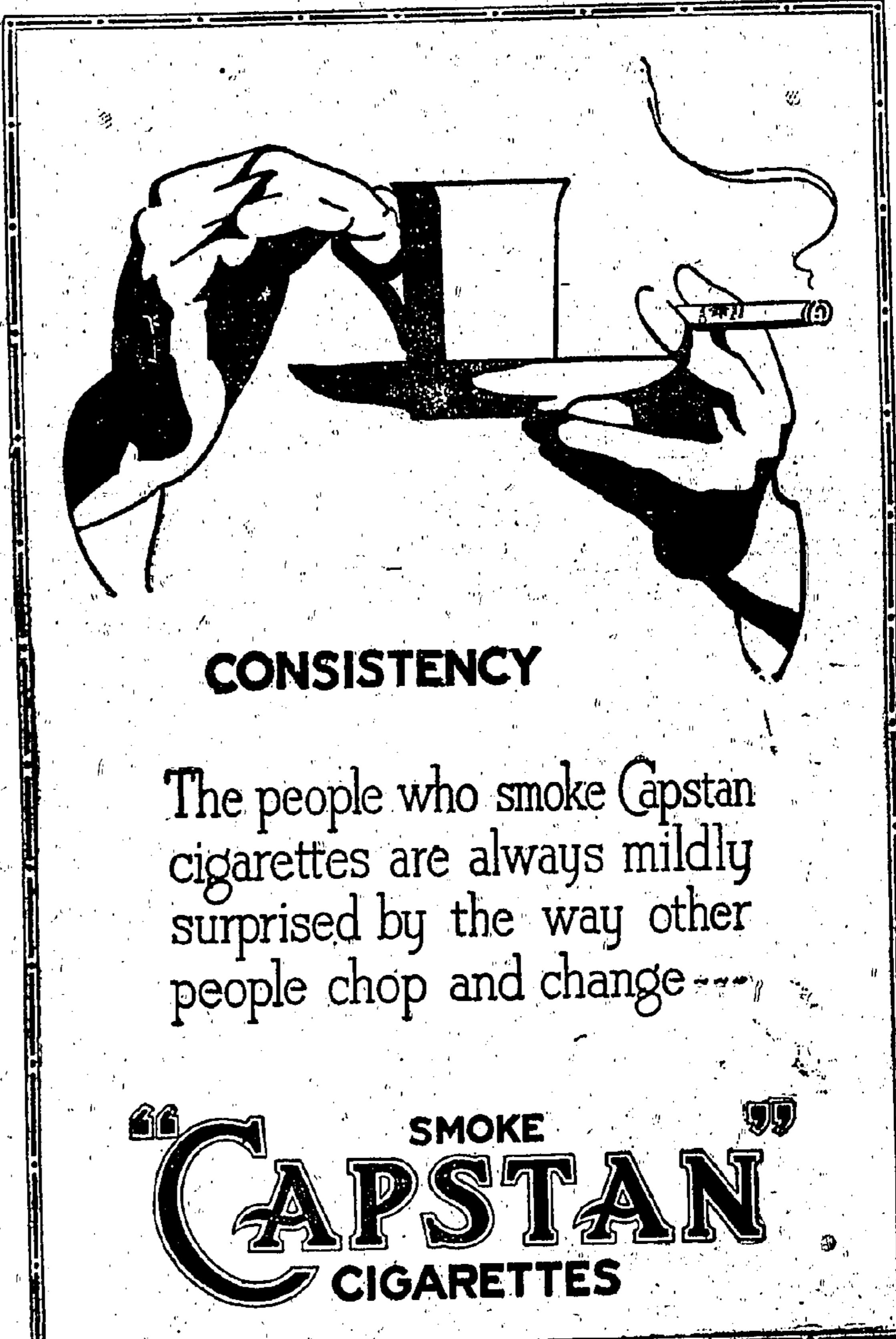
COMPOSITION OF COURT OF ENQUIRY.

A Marine Court of Enquiry will assemble at the Harbour Office at 10:30 a.m. to-morrow, to investigate the circumstances of the strandings of the Kweiyang and Hunan in the Hainan Straits.

The composition of the Court has now been promulgated and will be as follows: Lieut. Commdr. G. F. Hole, Harbourmaster (President), Lieut. Commdr. L. G. Addington, D.S.C., H. M. S. Despatch, E. Holmes, Esq., Master of s.s. Temachus, P. R. G. Cumming, Esq., master of s.s. Mausang, E. Walker, Esq., master of s.s. Hal-

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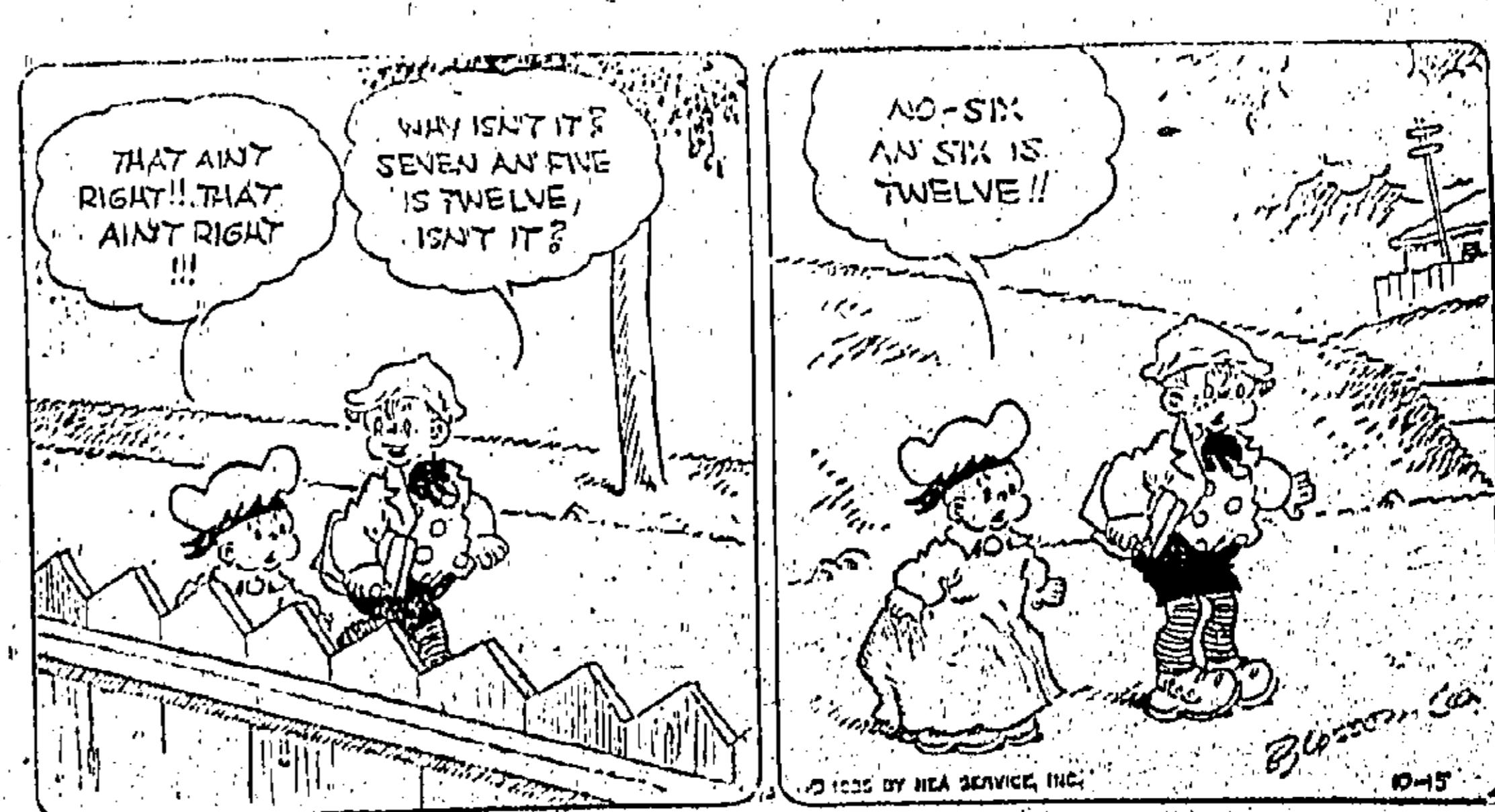
stages to \$342,000, at which point a \$3,000 bid was made. After a slight pause, three more \$1,000 bids were made, and another of \$3,000 brought the figure to the round figure of \$360,000. Mr. Leung Pat-u then bid \$1,000 more and there being no increase, he became the new owner at the price stated.



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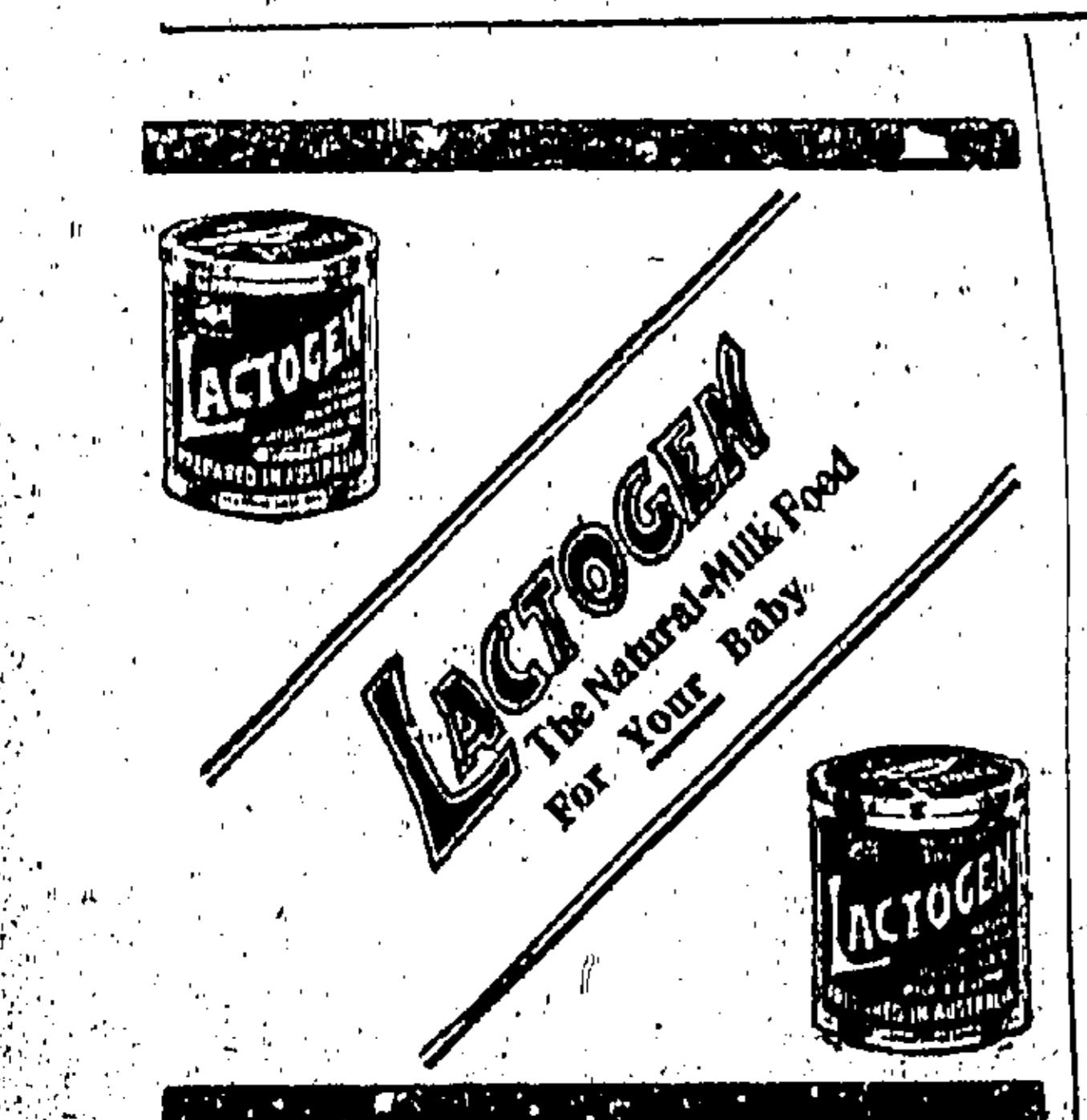
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ACKNOWLEDGMENT.

Mr. Wm D. Bell and family thank all their friends for the many kind expressions of sympathy sent during their sad bereavement.

The Telegraph

THURSDAY, FEB. 25, 1926.

MISCONCEPTIONS.

From an observation made in the House of Commons on Tuesday in regard to the closing of the port of Canton by the Customs Commissioner there, it would appear that even British politicians have a somewhat hazy idea of the actual situation which has arisen in this part of the world. In the course of a reference to the subject, a Conservative M.P. suggested that the Commissioner's action showed that people on the spot were doing their best to preserve the interests of British traders. The point which we want to stress, and which is apt to be lost sight of, is that the latest development in Canton has nothing more to do with Britain than it has with any other nation. It so happens that the Customs Commissioner at Canton is British, but, as we pointed out yesterday, the step that he has been compelled to take would have been taken had the occupant of the post been Dutch, American or any other foreigner. It is a mere coincidence that the Commissioner is a national of the country against which the Canton boycott has been especially directed.

The Chinese Maritimes Customs, as it is known, is operated under international supervision, and it is the duty of Commissioners and other Customs officials everywhere throughout China to see that its revenues are protected. In Canton, goods of several nations (not merely those of Britain) have been wrongfully seized and taken out of the hands of the Customs authorities before the payment of duties. It is thus quite in the natural order of things that the Customs Commissioner should take steps to secure the return of such goods for examination and assessment of fees. By doing this, he is attempting to preserve and safeguard the integrity of the Customs—an act which is obviously to China's own advantage. If incidents such as have been occurring at Canton were permitted to continue, the whole Customs administration

would be undermined, with disastrous effects alike on China and on all foreign nations whose loans are secured on the revenues. Thus it becomes clear that Colonel Hayley Bell is acting, not for Britain, but for the service to which he is attached; in other words, for China and, incidentally, for all the Powers who are interested in the preservation of the Customs revenues.

The inference that the Commissioner's action is inspired by a desire especially to serve the interests of British traders is entirely wrong. Even if the seized goods are returned and the port reopened, it does not necessarily follow that the anti-British boycott will come to an end. Indeed, the two issues bear very little relation one to the other. What we should like to see, however, for the benefit of Chinese and foreign trade in general, is the focussing of international attention—as one of the outcomes of this "matter"—on the whole question of the illegal interference with commerce by the Canton boycott organisation. In that sense, the Commissioner's action may have other effects than that originally inspiring a very necessary move.

Germany and League.

There will be widespread regret throughout the British Empire we think if Britain's official attitude at the forthcoming meeting of the Assembly of the League of Nations is in favour of granting permanent seats on the Council of the League to nations other than Germany. And yet it would seem from the Birmingham speech of Sir Austen Chamberlain, received here by cable yesterday, that the British Government is preparing for a move in that direction. We quite agree that prestige and usefulness of the League might very well be furthered by granting seats on the Council, and we see the force of Sir Austen's argument that "the small Council might conceivably result in a minority getting its own way, owing to certain directly interested States, not voting on a particular question." But we are emphatically against the enlargement taking place at the present juncture, because it would not have taken place just now had it not been for the fact that Germany's application for admission is coming up for consideration. To carry out that enlargement at the time of Germany's entry has all the impress of a countermove inspired by a desire to "offset" Germany's influence. The Council of the League has been at its present size for a long while now and it is viewed as being something more than a coincidence that it should only just have been discovered that it is too small and needs enlarging at once. When Germany has been a member of the League and its Council for such a reasonable length of time as will remove all suspicion of an "offset," the question of enlarging the Council might with safety and frankness be discussed, but it would be a great mistake, we think, if the value of Germany's admission were detracted from because of a line of doubtful action which was not openly contemplated before the advent of Germany's application.

Briefly, it may be stated that the Siamese Coronation will be on Feb. 25th. At 9.52 o'clock His Majesty will be anointed with sacred water, receiving the Vedas and present to His Majesty the royal regalia. His Majesty will then crown himself, and a salute of 101 guns will be fired. At 1 p.m. His Majesty, wearing his crown and coronation robe will appear on the throne in the Amarindra Hall where will be assembled the Princes of the Royal Family, the Ministers, the higher functionaries of state, both civil and military, and the Chiefs of Diplomatic Missions. His Royal Highness Prince Bhanurangsi will express the loyalty and devotion of the assembly, and the King will reply.

DAY BY DAY.

A FIRM FAITH IS THE BEST THEOLOGY; A GOOD LIFE IS THE BEST PHILOSOPHY; A CLEAR CONSCIENCE IS THE BEST LAW.—Aughey.

Commd. Engineer E. S. Johnson has been appointed to H.M.S. Hollyhock.

The health return for Tuesday shows one Chinese case of cerebro-spinal fever.

The Observatory forecast for to-morrow is:—N.E. winds, fresh; overcast, some drizzle or mist.

As announcement is made that the Hongkong St. David's Society has decided not to hold the annual dinner this year.

The Brigade were called out to a small fire in Graham Street about 11 o'clock last night, which was subdued without any difficulty.

Among the passengers arriving from the North yesterday, by s.s. President Jefferson were Messrs. A. N. Dallas and E. B. McBain for the Race Meeting.

A collision occurred yesterday on Shaukiwan Road between a F.W.D. lorry and a tramcar, resulting in some damage being done to one of the wheels of the lorry. No persons were injured.

Five robbers armed with revolvers carried out a successful raid on a matched at Auha village, on the mainland, yesterday. They escaped with money and property to the value of nearly a thousand dollars.

At the sale of the s.s. Ling Nam, by the Auctioneering and Brokering Co., Ltd., this morning, the vessel was withdrawn at the upset price of \$240,000. There was a good attendance. The vessel will be put up again at a later date.

Professor John Smith, of the Hongkong University, who has occupied the Chair of Education since 1924, is shortly leaving the Colony. He was yesterday entertained to tea, with Mrs. Smith, by some 150 under-graduates in the Union Assembly Room, and presented with a gold watch and chain. His departure is much regretted at the University, in whose activities he has taken the keenest interest during his residence in the Colony.

We are asked to remind our readers that as the entries for the Flower Show close at 1 o'clock next Monday, 1st March, it is hoped that all those interested in horticulture will devote part of this week-end in shuffling up their gardens with a view to sending in as many entries as possible. If there is any reasonable doubt as to whether any particular exhibit will be ready or good enough for the Show on 1st March, intending exhibitors should certainly enter same, remembering that one week of fine weather can make all the difference to a garden.

During a quarrel at a dance at Bradford-on-Avon, Wilts, Frank Bricker, formerly a professional footballer with Bath City and Crewe Alexandra, was stabbed in the abdomen with an instrument believed to be a pen-knife. The quarrel followed the collision of three couples. Bricker was taken home, and is confined to his bed. There was a sequel at Bradford Police Court when a 19-year-old clerk, Frederick Charles Vennell, was remanded on a charge of unlawful wounding.

An attack on the threepenny piece and on the parsimony of church worshippers generally was made by the Rev. G. C. L. Lunt, Vicar of All Saints, Northampton, at a parochial gathering. "The threepenny piece," he declared, "would never be minted but for the demand created by church offerings. People who think nothing of paying 2s. 4d. or 3s. 6d. to go to a theatre consider that threepence is the proper ecclesiastical coin. Every Monday morning, we send a bundle of threepenny pieces to the bank, and they all come back to us the following Sunday. Anyone who thinks that he or she really pays a fair share of church expenses for lighting, heating, music, clergy and other services by placing a threepenny piece into the bag has no sense of business proportion."

LOVE'S TROUBLES.

A FIANCÉ ARRESTED.

Interesting disclosures have been made in a case in which a young Chinese girl charged her former fiancee with the theft of \$1,650, money which she took from her mother without her knowledge.

The case first came before the Court at the end of last year, when, charged with the theft of this money, the girl was bound over. She admitted at this hearing that she gave the money to a young man whom she met at a tenement, and was compelled to admit her part in the theft when his disappearance convinced her of his duplicity.

The sequel to the affair occurred the other day when a chance meeting in the street led to the police being again brought into the case.

Relying to Mr. R. E. Linseil, the girl, at this morning's proceedings, referred to promise of marriage made to her by the defendant. There was, in fact, a proposal of marriage, to which she was then unable to agree because the matter of her marriage rested with her mother to whom was conceded the last word in the matter. She honestly believed that the defendant required the money for the purpose of obtaining a commission in the Canton Army—that is until he disappeared with all the money he could get out of her.

In reply to a searching question from the Bench the girl said she was vexed, and her sentiments underwent a complete change. She thus had no compunction in following the defendant, and had him arrested on meeting him in the street the other day.

From the dock, in reply to this evidence, the defendant said that from the start to finish the allegations against him were a pack of lies. His case was that he borrowed some money from the girl's mother with which to speculate in

shares.

The hearing was remanded.

TO-DAY.

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Temperature (2 p.m.) 56
Barometer (2 p.m.) 30.20
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LEAGUE COUNCIL.

(Continued from Page 1.) that the reconstitution of the Council was dictated by the necessity of grouping the Powers and balancing rival interests, and declared he had read Sir Austen Chamberlain's speech yesterday apprehensively. He opined it was unfair to the other members of the League to raise a matter of such importance at present and the question should first be raised in the Assembly for public and open discussion.

Lord Phillimore, strongly opposing the increase, said that the Council must not become the cockpit of rival interests and said he was much struck by an article in a South African newspaper saying that if it became the cockpit, the only thing to do was to keep out from it altogether.

VISCOUNT CECIL'S ARGUMENT.

Viscount Cecil, replying, said he did not desire to say much at the present stage, but it was a mistake to think that the admission of Germany had raised this question. It was much truer to say that the question had been postponed because it was felt that when Germany entered that would be the proper time to deal with the question, which had constantly been raised earlier. The Government did not desire to deprive Parliament of the right to express its views, and moreover, the British delegates ought to go to Geneva with instructions. Nevertheless, they should be given a certain liberty of action to debate the matter honestly and fairly with other States. He said the question would not be raised by the British Government, but if it were raised at all it would be raised by others, and Britain cannot tell their co-members that they had no right to raise a question which they were perfectly justified in raising.

Viscount Cecil agreed that the balancing of rival interests would be disastrous to the Council and assured the House that no action of the British Government would be dictated by distrust or suspicion of any nation. He deprecated the kind of language used in some countries regarding what would happen if this or that were not done. "That is no way to approach League problems." He appealed to the House not to tie the Government's hands.

Lord Farour then withdrew his motion.—Reuter.

The Very Idea!

The funny side of life, it seems, slips by a lot of folk. They never get the benefit of any blooming joke. The little things that tickle one, and oft provoke a smile, are just the things that, after all, make living worth the while.

I have a lot of sympathy for men who cannot grin. They lose the fun most people get by letting sunshine in. Their facial lines, instead of up, are always turning down. But this would change if they would let a smile replace their frown.

Flora MacDonald, who has just celebrated her 100th birthday at Inverary, attributes her longevity and health to the fact that she is Scotch.

The police are searching for Patience Dungling, 17-year-old domestic servant of Guildford. The girl accidentally broke a mirror. She appeared horrified at the occurrence, and two hours later disappeared.

He told her three good reasons why they never could be wed.

"I have two kiddies and a wife,"

is what he meekly said.

We're all content with our lot if it's a whole lot.

Up-to-date garters for women have special little pockets for holding small change to be readily accessible when just enough for a tip is needed. Some fur garters are selling for as much as \$10 a pair.

The British Broadcasting Com-

pany have strange problems to cope with. They received recently from a provincial town an angry complaint from a listener that his

neighbour was "oscillating." They words to say so.

Here is a tit-bit of jargon from a letter to the *N. G. Daily News* by Wm. Alister Donaldson:—"Sir, I was pleased to see you taking up the attitude you took up, in Saturday's issue, regarding the comment made by the *South China Morning Post*, with reference to the observations attributed in that newspaper to Mr. Somerset Maugham, relative to the attitude of the Hongkong Government as to certain statements he had made in his recent novel."

What the writer meant was that he agreed with the *South China's* dissent from the comment of the *Morning Post*. But it took him 84

EUROPEAN'S CLAIM.

ACTION FOR WAGES FAILS.

In the Summary Court, this morning, Mr. Justice Wood was engaged in hearing a claim for \$350, alleged to be arrears of wages, in which the complainant was Mr. James MacPortland, of 10, Mong Kok Road, Yau Ma Tei, and the defendants the Tung Shan firm, merchants. The plaintiff claimed \$100 from October 10th to October 31st, 1925, \$150 for November, a similar amount for December, 1925, and \$150 for January of this year. Mr. C. A. S. Russ, appeared for the plaintiff and Mr. L. S. Turner defended.

The plaintiff, in the witness box, said he worked for Messrs. Raven and Basto in 1923. He left them and joined the Hongkong Engineering Company, but owing to a trifling dispute he left the latter firm and returned to his former employers. At the end of last month he received notice terminating his agreement, owing to the prevailing depression. Previous to being dismissed, he was asked to supervise work on a plot of land in Stobbs Road, as a result of remarks made by the Coroner, when conducting an inquest on the body of a P.W.D. employee, who was killed there. The defendant firm were the contractors for that plot, and Messrs. Raven and Basto the architects. Although he had many other jobs to supervise, Mr. A. R. F. Raven asked him, on October 1st, to supervise that plot, and undertook that the defendants should pay him (plaintiff) a salary and expenses for visiting the plot. On October 9th, Mr. Raven handed a letter to the plaintiff from the defendant firm, which expressed agreement at the appointment of the plaintiff as overseer of that particular spot. In accordance with the letter, he acted as supervisor, and worked under the direction of Mr. Raven. When he asked about his salary, he was told that the defendant firm had not paid, and he had not received his salary from Mr. Raven owing to the depression.

His Lordship pointed out the last item on the particulars of the claim could not be considered as it was apparently a mistake.

Mr. Turner submitted he had no case to answer, but his Lordship said the case was not closed, and he could cross-examine the plaintiff as he wished.

In answer to Mr. Turner, plaintiff said he did not have any correspondence directly with the defendant firm, with regard to his remuneration. He did not approach them for his pay.

Mr. Turner:—Did you look upon Mr. Raven as being responsible to you for that pay?

Plaintiff:—I certainly looked upon the defendant company.

Mr. Turner:—When you first commenced your supervision of the plot, you were in the employment of Mr. Raven?

Plaintiff:—Yes.

Mr. Turner:—What salary were you getting?

Plaintiff:—\$250.

A discussion took place between his Lordship and Mr. Russ as to whether Mr. Raven should be called or not, the latter stating that although he (Mr. Raven) was present as a witness for the defence he was entitled to call him for the plaintiff. His Lordship said he thought Mr. Raven had better be called, so he entered the witness box.

When shown the letter from the defendant firm dated October 9th, witness denied he handed it to the plaintiff, and added "he must have pinched it out of the office." He admitted having shown the letter to the plaintiff, to indicate to him that he was to supervise the lot.

Mr. Justice Wood asked witness if it were true that, as the plaintiff alleged, he contracted between himself and the defendant company for the money.

Witness denied this, and added that the only contract was between himself and the plaintiff.

Mr. Russ handed a document up, but his Lordship would not allow it to be put in.

Examined by Mr. Russ, witness admitted that he was responsible for the claim.

Mr. Russ:—Have you paid it?

Witness:—Yes, except \$50.

Judgment was given for the defendant with costs.

LATEST PICTURES FROM HOME.



A young Rajah and his dancing partner at a children's fancy dress dance held in the Indian Empire Club, London.



Photo shows Mr. F. A. Mitchell Bridges (who has recently been making discoveries in a great buried city in the interior of British Honduras) with an Indian girl of the Maya Kokchi race, whom he has brought to London. This almost extinct race has dwindled to a scanty remnant around the ruins of a dead civilisation.

LEVERHULME SALE.

OVER \$1,000,000 REALISED.

New York, Feb. 24.

Pewter ware, chandeliers, rugs and small pieces of furniture included amongst items in the Leverhulme sale auctioned to-day, fetched a total of \$43,917. The total so far realised is now well over a million dollars.—Reuters' American Service.

more when the surprise raid was carried out. Other tools belonging to Mr. Jackson were in the man's pockets.

In asking for a severe penalty, the prosecuting police officer complained that the defendant had not given the police any material assistance in tracing his confederates. In fact, he had led them a dance all over the Colony yesterday. The defendant might not have been caught but for the exertions of the two gentlemen concerned.

Major C. Wilson imposed sentence of three months' hard labour.

MOTOR CAR THEFTS.

EUROPEAN SETS A TRAP.

The number of cars parked and left unattended in Statue Square have attracted the attention of thieves. The surprising statement was made by a police officer at the Central Magistracy this morning that no fewer than 100 thefts have occurred of tools taken from cars parked in this area, and the Magistrate was asked to deal in an exemplary manner with one of the thieves, who was caught red-handed last night.

It appears that amongst the victims were Mr. W. O. Lambert and Mr. T. E. Jackson. As the only means of catching the depredators red-handed, these two residents set a trap last night. From an office conveniently overlooking the square, Mr. Lambert looked on interestingly while a Chinese crept up to his car. Several trips had been made between the car and a point in Wardley Road, where the thief had found a nook to secret the stolen articles, before the thief was pounced upon and arrested.

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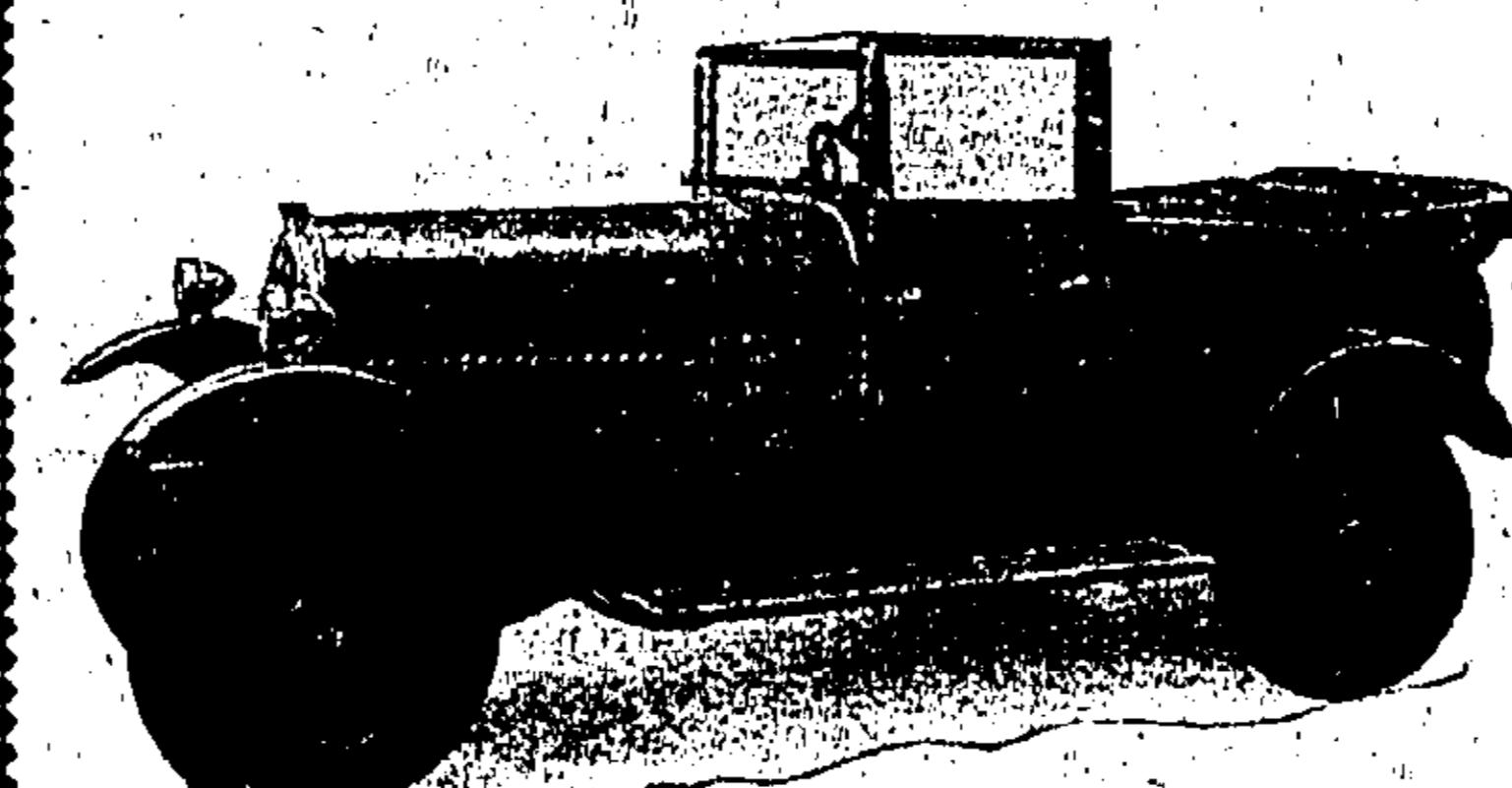
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Rugby, Feb. 24. Sir Austen Chamberlain's attention was drawn to the recent rains, occurred in Cheungshawan, on the mainland, last night. At 8.30, a small house in this district suddenly collapsed, burying all the inmates.

One man was able to extricate himself. He ran away as soon as he got on his legs, but the others were not so fortunate. Men from the Kowloon Fire Brigade Station were amongst the first to be engaged in the rescue work, and after digging for some time they got the victims out. Two of the latter died after being rushed to hospital, and the two others are reported as being in a serious condition.

BANKNOTE SCANDAL.

U. S. TAXES.

APPROVAL OF REDUCTION.

Washington, Feb. 24.

The report of the Parliamentary Committee investigating the forgers' scandal has concluded that regarding the political aspect of the affair neither the Government nor any member of the National Assembly was in any way connected with the crime, which the Government has done its utmost

to clear up.—Reuters' American Service.

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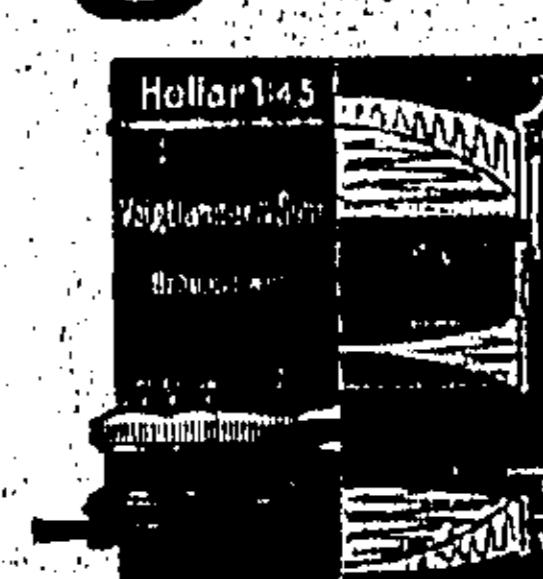
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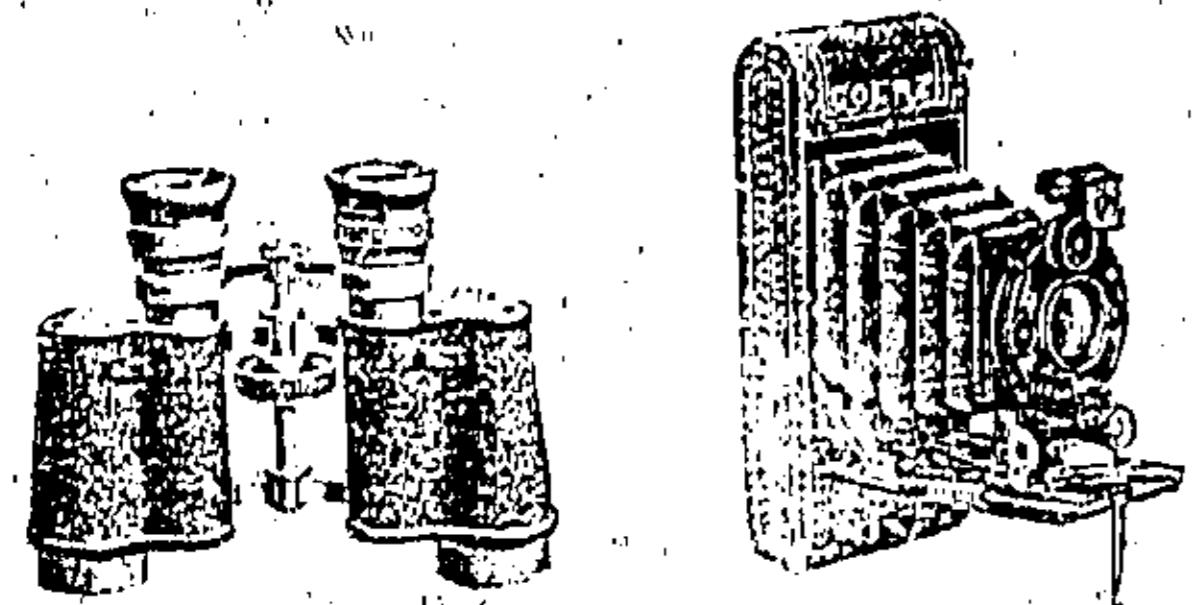
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TEL. 25, Central.**SHIPPING AGENTS.****A QUESTION OF FREIGHT
COLLECTION.****Summary Court Action.**

In the Summary Court yesterday afternoon, Mr. Justice Wood heard a case in which A. P. Mollier, ship owner of Copenhagen, claimed the return of \$809.93 from Thoresen and Co., as being the balance of money had and received by the defendants to the use of the plaintiffs against the a. s. Sally Mearsk belonging to the plaintiff's at Swatow and Amoy.

Mr. T. G. Bennett (Johnson, Stokes and Master) appeared for the plaintiffs and Mr. M. H. Turner (Deacon) for the defendants.

Mr. Bennett said the plaintiff's case was that the defendants were not entitled to retain £107 under the agreement by which they became the agents of the a. s. Sally Mearsk at Swatow and Amoy. \$150 was what the plaintiffs agreed to pay them for what they did.

Mr. Turner said he wished to put in a letter which he had received from the plaintiffs in which they said the collection of the freight should have been included in the sum agreed upon and they say if it was not included then 2 p.c. on the collected amount was extortionate.

Custom and Usage.

Continuing he said he had submissions to make with regard to calling evidence of usage to show the real intention of the parties.

Plaintiffs maintained that the agency in this case included collection of freight and that defendants must be satisfied with the sum of \$150. Defendants said the collection of freight in this case was outside the contract.

He went on to read many authorities and cases relative to his application to bring evidence to prove custom and usage.

Mr. Bennett submitted there was a great deal of difference between custom and usage. The words had become much mixed up in the cases. Custom was something which had existed from time immemorial whereas usage might be something which first happened yesterday so long as it had attained a certain amount of notoriety in a particular place. Evidence of custom was always admissible whereas usage was not. The contract was quite plain. It said, "Offer you agency Sally Mearsk, Swatow, Amoy, dollars hundred and fifty." Defendant's replied "Accept agency, when is she due?"

All in at \$150.

He submitted that that meant that the plaintiffs would pay \$150 for whatever the agents did. Had the mention of the hundred and fifty dollars been omitted then the case could never have arisen. The ship arrived in Swatow and he understood that then was the first time defendants knew that they had to collect freight. They had to deliver the cargo and cargo could not be delivered without collecting freight. The contract was an entire contract and covered everything that the defendants had to do with the ship at Swatow and Amoy. He submitted that His Honour could not admit the evidence to explain anything which was inconsistent with the contract as he considered it was.

At Their Peril.

His Honour said, it appeared to him the defendants' case was that they had done so much within the contract and so much outside it. Could they be heard in view of that?

Mr. Bennett submitted they could not. If they had done anything outside the contract then they had done it at their peril.

His Honour: The defendant say they had no duty to collect freight as agents.

Counsel said it was the duty of an agent to collect freight and therefore defendants' payment was \$150. If it was something an agent ordinarily did then he could not charge extra for it. If defendants' case was correct then they should have said in reply to the offer "Accept, entrance and clearance only."

The case was adjourned at this stage.

AIRMAN CRASHES.**BET THAT HAD TRAGIC
ENDING.****Paris Tragedy.**

Paris, Feb. 21. A bet made by the airman Leon Caillet with an American that he would fly beneath the Eiffel Tower span, had a tragic ending.

The airman, who was a pupil at the army aerodrome, accomplished the actual feat, when in an attempt to rise the machine became entangled in the aerial of the wireless station and dropped like a stone over the Chump de Mars, and crashed through a tree to the lawn below. Flame broke out, and the pilot was burnt to death in his seat, still gripping the levers.

A large crowd, including the airman's brother, witnessed the tragedy.—Reuter.

JAPANESE BUDGET.**PASSED BY THE LOWER
HOUSE.**

Tokyo, Feb. 24. The Lower House has unanimously passed the Budget.

Before passing the Budget, Admiral Takarabe stated that the naval "replacement" programme of 320,000,000 yen had not been given up, but postponed, owing to the country's present economic condition.—Reuter.

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London, Feb. 24.
English Cup re-plays to-day resulted as follows:
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Manch. U. ... 2 Sunderland ... 1
[Woolwich Arsenal now have to play away at Swansea, and Manchester United have to play away against Fulham.]

The results of other matches played yesterday were:

Div. I.
Bury ... 2 West Brom ... 0
Div. III (South).
Bournemouth 0 Brighton ... 3
Div. III (North).
Chesterfield 4 Wigan ... 0
Scottish League.
Dundee U. ... 2 Hearts ... 3
Hamilton ... 2 Morton ... 5
Raith R. ... 0 Airdrie ... 6
Falkirk ... 1 Rangers ... 1
Scottish Cup.

In a Scottish Cup re-play match, St. Johnstone and Aberdeen again drew, there being no score.

The draw for the next round of the Scottish Cup is as follows:

Morton v. Rangers.
St. Mirren v. Airdrie.

Third Lanark v. Aberdeen or St. Johnstone.

Celtic v. Dumbarton.

These matches are to be played on March 6th.—Reuter.

TEST CRICKET.

ENGLAND'S SELECTION COMMITTEE.

London, Feb. 24.
A meeting of the M. C. C. held at Lord's has selected Mr. P. F. Warner (Chairman), Mr. P. A. Perrin and Mr. A. E. R. Gilligan as the Test selections sub-Committee. They will co-opt two professionals, one from the north and one from the South with full powers, and will select a Captain who will have a casting vote.—Reuter.

FANLING HUNT.

WEEK-END FIXTURES.

The week-end fixtures for the Fanling Hunt are as follows:

Saturday 27th.—The hounds will meet at the Kwanti Stables, at 2.30 p.m.

Sunday 28th.—The hounds will meet at Mr. Potts' Bungalow at 10.30 a.m.

RIFLE SHOOTING.

HONGKONG RIFLE LEAGUE COMPETITION.

The above match took place on Sunday, the Navy winning by 71 points. Weather conditions were bad, rain falling the whole time.

The Volunteers were several men short.

H. M. S. Iroquois.

200 500 600 Total

Lieut. A. Day, R.N. 21 31 26 78

Sub-Lt. Jenkins, R.N. 18 23 25 65

C. P. O. Stace 22 30 20 72

P. O. Vincent 25 22 8 55

Ld/Sea. Woodford 21 19 22 62

A. B. Horne 30 23 14 72

A. B. Lobb 20 21 22 72

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KIDDERPORE	5,334	18th March	M'sles, L'don, A'werp & Hull
KEIVA	9,135	20th March	M'sles, L'don & London
MOREA	10,918	3rd April	M'sles, L'don & London
DELTA	8,097	15th April	S'pore, P'ang, C'bo & B'bay
DEVANHA	8,155	17th April	M'sles, L'don & Antwerp
KALYAN	9,144	21st April	M'sles, L'don & Antwerp
MACEDONIA	11,069	1st May	M'sles, L'don & London
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SHIRALA	7,841	17th March	S'pore, Penang & Calcutta

EASTERN & AUSTRALIAN SAILINGS (South)

TANDA	6,958	13 Mar. 10 a.m.	Manila, Sandakan, Thura.
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ARAFURA	6,000	13th March	Moji, Kobe & Yoko.
KALYAN	9,144	13th March	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe
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GLENSHANE	23rd Mar.	GLENAMOY	6th April
GLENAPP	1st April	L'don, R'dam & H'burg via Oran.	L'don, R'dam & H'burg via Oran.
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WINDFALL FOR
LABOUR.

COUNTESS OF WARWICK'S
GIFT.

Rugby, Feb. 24.

The Countess of Warwick, who has long been associated with the Labour movement, to-day handed over Easton Lodge, her country house in Essex, with 900 acres of land, to the Labour Party, for use as a Trade Union college. In thanking the Countess, the Party declared that her magnificent gift would be devoted to the progress and development of the Trade Union movement on educational lines.—British Wireless.

IMPERIAL
CONFERENCE.AN UNSUPPORTED
SUGGESTION.

London, Feb. 24.

Answering question in the House of Commons, Mr. Stanley Baldwin said that the suggestion that the Imperial Conference should not be confined to representatives of the parties temporarily in office, which his predecessor had submitted to the Dominions' Prime Ministers had not been supported. For himself, he did not consider it practicable.

—Reuter.

SINGAPORE BASE.

WORK TO GO ON:

London, Feb. 24.

In the House of Commons, Major L. Hore-Belisha (Cons.) asked whether in view of the economies made in the strength of the fleet it was still proposed to continue with the expenditure on the Singapore base.

The Rt. Hon. Mr. W. C. Bridgeman, First Lord of the Admiralty, replied in the affirmative.—Reuter.

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TRAMWAY COMPANY.

(Continued from Page 1.)

have been charged for years with having the intention of scrapping the trams, have never dreamed of doing so much as a thing."

NEW YEAR TRAFFIC.

In the two days immediately preceding China New Year, 1925, we carried a quarter of a million passengers exclusive of monthly ticket-holders. Can one visualise the state of the streets between, say, Garden Road and Sincere's had we attempted to carry this number of people by means of motor omnibuses? It would require 200 single-deck buses to replace 80 trams and not only would this cause acute traffic congestion but the operating costs per passenger would be doubled. The cost of power alone would be increased by not less than \$300,000 per annum, which represents the difference between the cost of petrol and electricity.

The tramcar is a much more economical user of street space than a motor bus. On wet night on the Embankment the L.C.C. cars move 50,000 people per hour. Referring to this, Sir Henry Maybury, Director-General of Roads, recently said "How are you going to carry that number on buses if you scrap the trams? Where are you going to put all the buses that would be necessary?" These cars

may be a procession but they are an orderly procession vastly different from the traffic chaos to be seen every day near, say, the Bank of England.

KOWLOON BUSES.

On the question of Kowloon, my predecessor at this meeting last year said "The Government propose shortly to call for tenders for the exclusive right of operating a motor bus service in Kowloon. It is the intention of your directors to tender for such a service although it is felt that electric traction by means of either cars on rails or railless trolley vehicles would be preferable." I endorse every word of Mr. Beith in this connection and it is significant that Shanghai, Singapore and Penang are all adopting railless trolley vehicles rather than petrol buses on routes where tramway construction (or re-construction) is considered too costly. There is, of course (except from the point of view of the Highway authority) one important advantage to be derived from substituting rail-free for rail-borne vehicles. The operating concern is relieved of the onerous obligation of the upkeep of a large portion of the street paving, about 15 acres of which we maintain between Shaukiwan and Kennedy Town to-day.

Apropos of this, the Parliamentary Secretary to the Ministry of Transport speaking in the House of Commons on November 17th last, said "The tramways under an old Tramways Act (of 1870) when horses pulled trams have to keep the middle of the roads in repair. That is, a very great hardship to the trams throughout the country, because in regard to damage done to the middle of the track, the upkeep of which falls on the tramway undertaking, the motor omnibuses damage not only the sides of the road, but the middle of the road between the tramway rails as well." This burden, however, is more than offset by the much higher maintenance and depreciation charges in respect of motor buses, not to mention the extra cost of power.

This brief review would be incomplete if I failed to add that where roads are sufficiently wide the best form of urban passenger transport is undoubtedly the separate track system of tramways where a portion of the centre of the road is fenced off and the rails laid on wooden sleepers (except at street crossings). With this system we attain the three greatest desiderata, viz. safety, speed and, what is most important, silence. Further, capital cost is much reduced due to the absence of either concrete or street paving; ordinary traffic is never impeded owing to the road being up for track repairs; and, finally, police traffic control is much simplified as a result of the introduction of one-way travel for all vehicular traffic on the two carriageways.

STRIKE SERVICE.

Our earnings last year were considerably affected by the strike which commenced on June 20th and for nine days not a tram left the depot. But, on the 20th a service of five cars manned by Europeans in the employ of the Company was commenced and this was subsequently argued by volunteers who rendered excellent service and I now wish to avail myself of this opportunity to tender our hearty

thanks to all those who assisted us during this period. In August, we were able to resume a normal service but earnings have not yet returned to the record level reached during the first half of the year. But I feel sure shareholders will be glad to hear that in the three days over China New Year our earnings this year amounted to \$19,900, which though less than in 1925 is some \$1,800 more than in the previous year.

The policy of keeping the rolling stock absolutely up-to-date has been continued. It will be remembered that all cars about the middle of 1923 had canvas top covers. During the two following years these were gradually replaced by wooden top covers. We have now gone a stage further and vestibule top covers are being fitted. These have become very popular, affording as they do complete protection in cold and wet weather.

NEW CARS.

Six new cars will be put into service very shortly. These will have a new type of truck with a longer wheel-base and should provide very comfortable riding. In order to secure more room for third-class passengers the lower saloon on these cars will be extended and the first class passenger accommodation will be limited to the upper saloon. A wider staircase will be provided and the motorman will have a small compartment all to himself.

During the year an important road improvement was carried out on Praya East at Bowrington Bridge which was too narrow to permit of a satisfactory double track. The bridge has now been widened and the rails relaid with the proper clearway and two footpaths added to the bridge. The whole of the cost of this work has had to be borne by the company but we have the satisfaction of knowing that our action in this matter is appreciated by every class of vehicle driver who uses Praya East.

Unfortunately very little headway has been made with the doubling of the track between Causeway Bay and Shaukiwan, but the P. W. D. is now making progress with the cutting between Quarry Bay and Cornhill and it is hoped to have the trams running on this new road within the next few months. It will be a great relief to abandon the tortuous section of the track on the sea side of the Tai-koo Club where there is constant risk of collision with motor vehicles round blind corners and on a steep gradient.

Twice during the year we tendered for the exclusive right to maintain a motor omnibus service between Mongkok (Kowloon) and Un. Long (New Territories), but on neither occasion did the Government accept any tender.

THE ACCOUNTS.

Turning now to the accounts, you will recollect that at this time last year, resolutions were passed increasing the nominal capital of the Company to \$3,250,000 by the issue to shareholders of \$25,000 additional shares of \$5 each fully paid as a capitalised bonus out of reserve. This was duly carried into effect—the new scrip being issued in March last—and is set out accordingly in the present balance sheet.

A new item appears in the assets this year under the head "House Property." This represents the value of residential property owned by the company and is shown separately from the general fixed assets of the undertaking with which it had been previously included.

It will be noticed that the amount written off "Tramway Undertaking" has been increased to \$34,000. This, in addition to the usual \$22,000 against goodwill, is an amount of \$12,000 from certain construction costs of a capital nature at the inception of the undertaking which the Board considers should be written off over a period of years.

In 1924, while reviewing the accounts for 1923, I referred to certain taxation claims made by the Inland Revenue Authorities against the Hongkong Tramway Co., Ltd., the old company—in respect of the years 1922 and 1923 (when liquidation was commenced upon the formation of our present company). Provisions were made for these claims which were in dispute. Negotiations in the matter continued until June last when a sum of \$118,053.20 was paid in final settlement of all liability and you will see the surplus balance of the fund set aside viz. \$17,044.11 has been credited back to the Profit and Loss Account.

I do not think there is anything further that calls for comment

CHINESE Y. M. C. A.

A. D. C. TO MAKE DEBUT.

The Amateur Dramatic Club of the Chinese Y.M.C.A., Hongkong, will make its formal debut before an invited audience to-morrow evening at 7.30 o'clock, to be followed by another performance the next evening.

The Club has been in existence for more than two years and has assisted a number of charitable and church organizations. Lately its talents have been much strengthened and through their friends, the members have been able to add new stage scenery to their club property. The work of the last two years has earned for the Club a place in the Association and the Chinese community, and its appearance on Friday evening will be greeted by a host of well-wishers.

Mr. Hin Wong, formerly Chairman of the Boys' Work Committee of the Canton Y.M.C.A., and Scout Commissioner for Kwangtung, has kindly consented to raise the curtain for the Club on the Association stage on Friday evening.

U. S. IMMIGRATION
LAWS.SPIRITED DEBATE IN THE
COMMONS.

London, Feb. 24. Sir Austen Chamberlain was spiritedly cross-examined in the House of Commons to-day at question time on the question of reciprocity in the American and British immigration regulation. He was asked whether the Government would negotiate with a view to securing that the American Consuls' visas would be the final authority for Britishers to enter the United States or whether the Government would consider the expediency of reprievals.

The Conservatives dwelt on the need for reprievals, whereas members of the Labour Party asserted that all the trouble was due to the fact that the America Government treated rich and poor alike. There would have been no question if ordinary members of society instead of aristocrats had been concerned in the recent cases at "New York."

Sir Austen Chamberlain did not think that Britain could wisely undertake to dictate to the people of the United States as regards their laws.—Reuter.

FRENCH FINANCE.

BIG ISSUE STILL TO BE FACED.

Paris, Feb. 24. The Senate has begun its debate on the Government's financial measures, including the provisions rejected by the Chamber of Deputies, which afford the five milliards of francs necessary to cover the Budget deficit.

The result of the Senate debate is a foregone conclusion, as the Government demands will be voted, but interest centres on the attitude of the Chamber when the Bill returns in a couple of days. The conflict will especially rage round the "payments" tax which is the cornerstone of the Government's project. Attempts at a compromise between the two Chambers have hitherto failed.—Reuter.

and I now beg to propose:—"That the report and statement of accounts for the year ended 31st December, 1925, be and the same are hereby adopted." When this has been seconded I shall be pleased to answer to the best of my ability any question which shareholders may wish to ask.

Mr. Denison seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

OTHER BUSINESS.

The chairman proposed that the final dividend of 60 cents per share be approved. This was seconded by Mr. Branch and carried.

Mr. D. G. M. Bernard's appointment to the chair in the place of Mr. B. D. F. Beith was approved, and Sir. Paul Chater and Sir Robert Ho Tung were re-elected as directors, on the proposition of Mr. Sewell.

Mr. Ho Leung proposed and Mr. Wilson seconded the re-election of Messrs. Lowe, Bingham and Mathew as auditors. This was carried.

The Chairman announced that dividends were ready and were obtainable upon application.

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The STAR

DOUGLAS MACLEAN

IN
"BELL BOY 13"and
KATHERINE MACDONALDIN
"THE BEAUTIFUL LIAR"

THE WORLD

REGINALD DENNY

in
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POST OFFICE NOTICE.

NOTICE.

WIRELESS TELEGRAPH SERVICES, which offer speedy and efficient means of communication, are established between HONGKONG and SHIPS at SEA, FRENCH INDO-CHINA, the PROVINCE of YUNNAN, and MACAO.

The RADIO TELEGRAPH OFFICE is always open for the reception and transmission of Radio Telegrams and for reporting vessels passing WAGLAN and GAP ROCK LIGHTHOUSES.

WIRELESS SERVICES with Canton and Swatow suspended until further notice.

Full particulars may be obtained on application to the RADIO COUNTER in the MAIN HALL of the G.P.O. and at the RADIO TELEGRAPH OFFICE, 3rd floor, GOVERNMENT BUILDING.

Owing to the suspension of the steamer service to Canton the parcel post service is suspended until further notice. Letters and other articles superscribed "by train" will be forwarded by the train leaving Kowloon at 9.15 a.m. daily. The letter mail will be closed at the G. P. O. at 7.15 a.m.

INWARD MAIL.

From	To	Date
Straits	Kumgang	February 25.
Shanghai	Tiliwong	February 25.
Straits	Shimla	February 26.
Shanghai	Yingchow	February 26.
Japan and Shanghai	Hakone Maru	February 26.
Manila	Pres. Taft	February 26.
Europe via Nagasaki (Letters only)	Derflinger	February 26.
Europe via Nagasaki (Papers only)	Van Overstraten	February 27.
London, 23th January	Canada, U.S.A., Japan and Shanghai	February 27.
U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan and Shanghai	Taiyo Maru	March 1.